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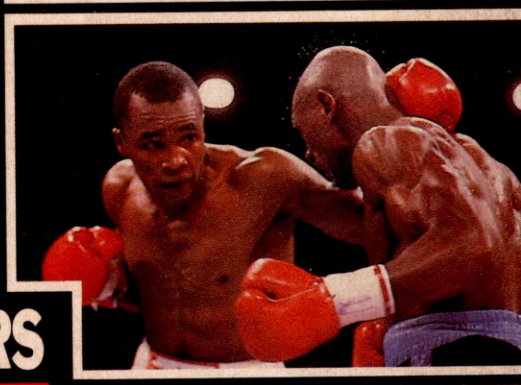

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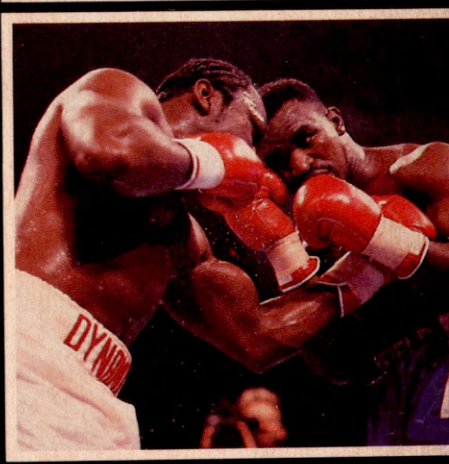

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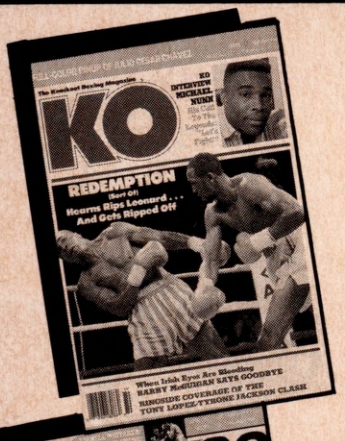

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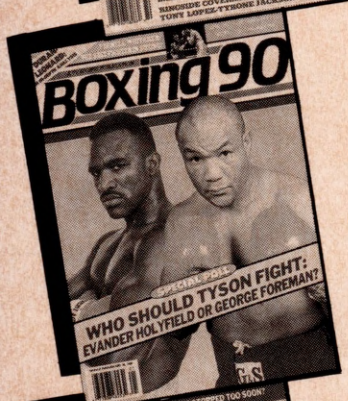

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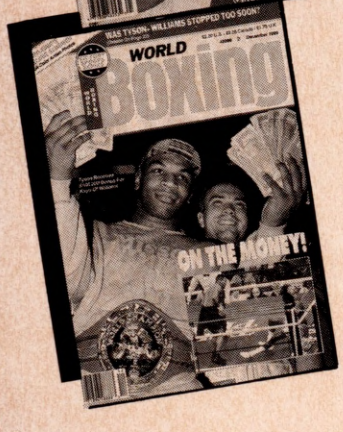

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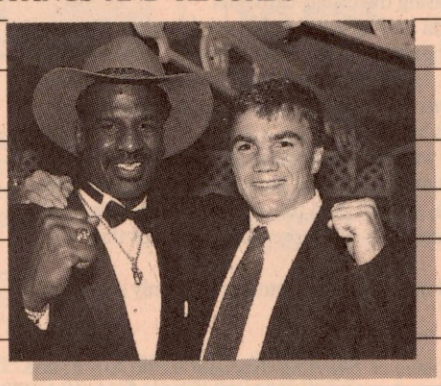

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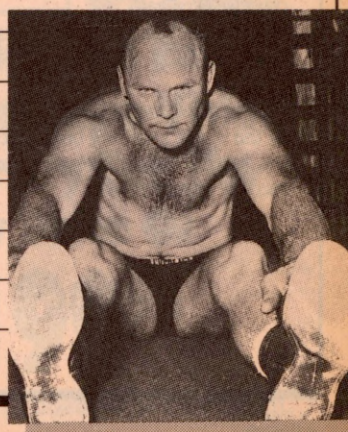

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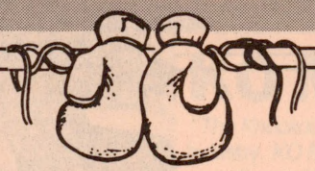
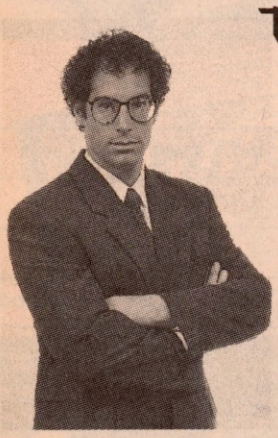


IT WAS A special way to spend a fall day: At a City Hall press conference in New York City, I sat and listened as Muhammad Ali, Ken Norton, Larry Holmes, and Joe Frazier shared their memories. For heavyweights and boxing fans, the '70s was a time to cherish. Those memories belong to the ages.



"I'm not ready for '70s nostalgia," *The Ring* columnist Michael Katz kidded as Ali and his co-stars were ushered into stretch limousines.

Well, Michael, please excuse us, but in this issue, we're going to celebrate the nostalgia of the *'80s*.

At first glance, the '70s, boasting of Manila and Kingston and Zaire, and Napoles and Duran and Monzon and Olivares and Zarate and Foster, too, seem to dwarf the '80s. The '80s featured two dominant heavyweight kings, Holmes and Mike Tyson, but unfortunately, their primes were parallel lines. There were too many weight classes in the '80s, literally hundreds of mostly faceless champions, and enough world bodies for an international slam dance.

But look again. The '80s need not apologize. We shared great fights, great fighters, and moments that will live in history. Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns, and Michael Spinks blossomed in the '80s, and Marvin Hagler and Alexis Arguello were finally appreciated. Salvador Sanchez, Donald Curry, and Aaron Pryor were lights that shined briefly but brightly. Wilfredo Gomez, Eusebio Pedroza, Lupe Pintor, and Jeff Chandler helped us appreciate the lighter weight classes, and South Korea, an emerging power at featherweight and below, contributed with diminutive but dominant champions like Jung Koo Chang and Yuh Myung Woo. And the young fighters who lead us into the '90s, peaking titlists named Whitaker, Fenech, Taylor, Hill, Nunn, Esparragoza, Brown, Chavez, and Tyson, serve as a solid core.

There was no shortage of personalities, either. Just when Hector Camacho seemed the most outrageous sequined act since Little Richard, Jorge Paez backflipped across the ring in a sparkling skirt and began kissing the round-card girls.

The fistic action, especially over the first half of the decade, was fantastic. Duran-Leonard and Leonard-Hearns. Pryor-Arguello and Arguello-Mancini. Hagler-Hearns and Hearns-Barkley and Barkley-Duran. Holyfield-Dokes and Qawi-Holyfield. Saad Muhammad vs. everybody, Frank Fletcher vs. anybody, and Chacon, Limon, and Boza-Edwards, any and all combinations included.

There were extraordinary moments as well. Spinks became the first light heavyweight king to dethrone a heavyweight champion. Tyson became the youngest heavyweight titlist in history, and a unified one, as well. And the proliferation of titles and divisions aside, Leonard and Hearns managed to win more championships than anyone else ever had.

Look back at the '80s with us. Like all nostalgia, the memories will only get better with time.

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You'll find one major addition in this issue of *The Ring*. England's Eric Armit, one of the world's leading boxing recordkeepers, has begun to supply us with the records of the fighters featured in our ratings. Check out pages 10 and 11. You won't find these records anywhere else.

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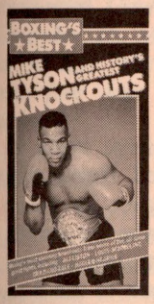

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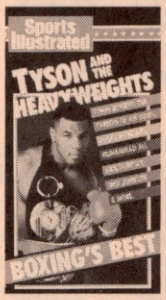

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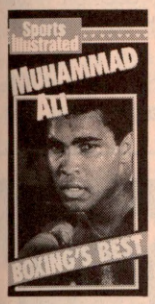

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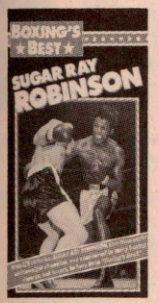

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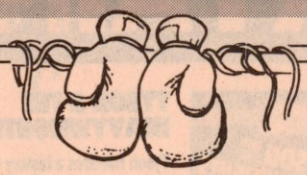

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Roberto Duran wins his first title with a 13th-round stoppage of Ken Buchanan in 1972.

WHO'S THE BEST?

Boxing journalists are always claiming that Sugar Ray Robinson is the greatest fighter, pound for pound, in history. He is not the greatest!

The only accurate way to measure a fighter's greatness isn't by opinion, but rather by examining his record at the championship level, and how long he fought at that championship level.

Roberto Duran, and not Robinson, is the greatest fighter in history.

Duran held the lightweight title for almost seven years before relinquishing it. He defended it 12 times, scoring 11 kayos. Robinson held the welterweight title for five years and defended it five times. He scored two knockouts.

Robinson held the welterweight title once and the middleweight crown a record five times. His championship span carried from 1946 to 1958. He fought in 25 world title bouts, counting fights for the Pennsylvania world middleweight title. Duran's championship span goes from 1972 to 1989 (and counting). He's been a champion in *four* divisions, at lightweight, welterweight, junior middleweight, and middleweight. He's fought in 21 world title bouts.

Robinson failed in a record eight world title fights. Duran has failed in four.

Duran holds the record for winning at the championship level (17 years with wins at both ends of his span).

Robinson was 38 when he lost his title for the last time, to Paul Pender in 1960. Duran is 38 and still a champ.

Robinson scored 10 kayos in world title fights. Duran has scored 13.

It is Roberto Duran who is the greatest fighter in history.

JEFF McCRACKEN
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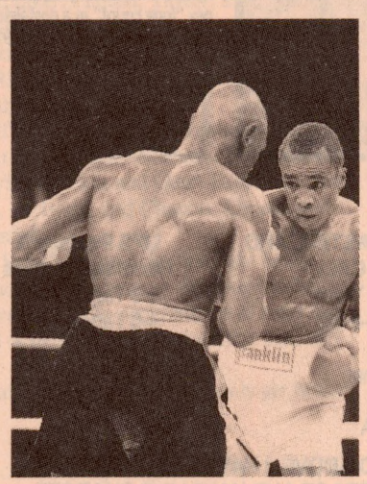


Fans continue to argue over the split decision of 1987's Leonard-Hagler title fight.

THE DEBATE CONTINUES

Concerning the two letters in the January 1990 issue titled "Shocked And Disgusted": I cannot believe that some fight fans saw the Ray Leonard-Marvin Hagler fight in Hagler's favor. Anyone with common sense would see that Leonard outpointed Hagler. I'm not putting down Hagler; he was a great middleweight, maybe the greatest there ever was. But that night Leonard upset Hagler, if you want to call it an upset. It should have been a unanimous, and not a split, decision. Fans who watch a video with the sound off will see that.

REUBEN S. GALLEGOS
Las Animas, CA

Light heavyweight Anthony Hembrick kayos frequent loser Manuel Murillo in Atlantic City.

LOSE THAT LICENSE!

I always thought that Larry Hazzard was a good referee, but as the boxing commissioner of New Jersey, he leaves a lot to be desired.

On a USA-televised card from Atlantic City on October 19, Hazzard allowed a fighter (Manuel Murillo) who had been kayoed seven times to get kayoed again (in two rounds by Anthony Hembrick). This fighter should have his license revoked, or is Larry waiting for someone to get killed on TV? Every state should have a rule that after being kayoed so many times, a man should automatically lose his license.

All these mismatches do nothing for the sport. As a sincere fan, they only turn me off. Maybe we need federal regulation of boxing.

JO MARIE BURGOS
Selden, NY

[Editor's note: A check with record-keeper Ralph Citro revealed that Miami-based Colombian light heavyweight Murillo, who turned pro in January 1986, had been kayoed six times prior to the Hembrick fight. After being stopped in the sixth round by world-rated Uriah Grant in Miami on September 15, Murillo was suspended for 30 days. The bout with Hembrick came four days after that suspension expired.]

RING RUST

Why do so many boxing fans and critics spend so much time and say so many words about the olden days of Marciano, Robinson, and even Dempsey? I'm 25 years old and have been a boxing fan since only 1980, so I have no recollection of even the Ali era. But it seems as though the sweet science must be in sad shape these days; the elder fans and experts still devotedly concentrate on their long-lost heroes and compare them with the fighters of today. I get the feeling that I would have been better off born 50 years ago instead of just 25.

PETER McREYNOLDS
Devon, PA

Outspoken promoter Bob Arum blasted Tom Collins after the British light heavyweight quit against Jeff Harding.

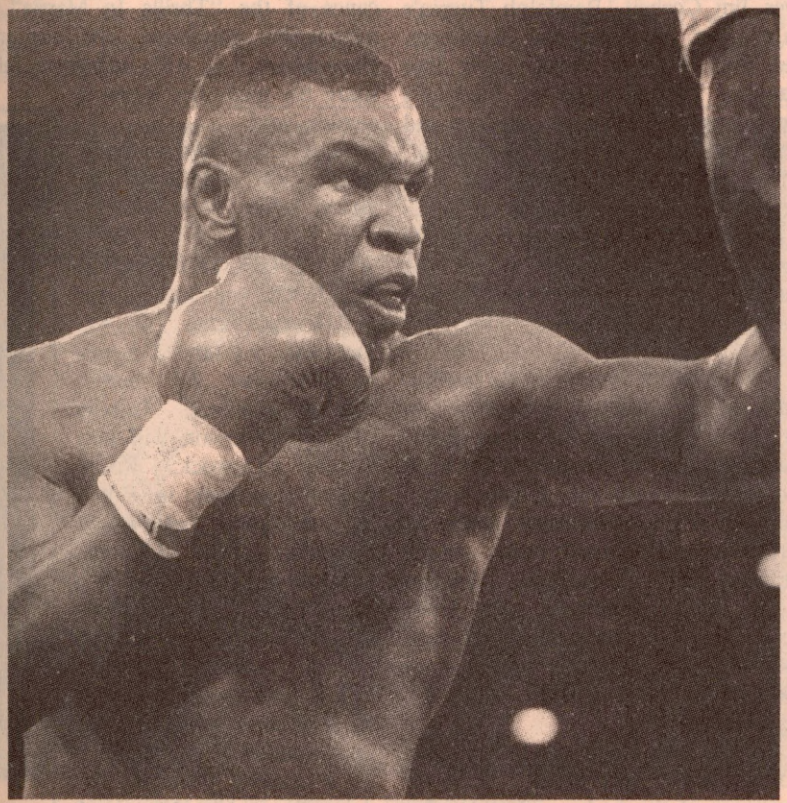
ARUM'S ASSAULT

Congratulations to Bob Arum for his heroic verbal assault on Tom Collins after Tom's retirement at the end of the second round of his championship bout with WBC light heavyweight king Jeff Harding. Now I'd like to see Arum in the *ring* with Collins. Why let Tom off so easy? I, for one, would have paid good money to see Collins given a lesson on fistic behavior, and who better to administer it than ring expert and moralist Arum? And let's not hear any excuses for Tom "The Bomb." If he gave us a heck of a show for two rounds and almost knocked off Harding, I'd say, "So what?"

Tom and Bob both showed their true colors. Tom decided to quit in his corner; so what if he was disoriented and had exhausted his resources in taking his one real shot at winning the fight. He cheated us out of seeing him knocked out.

I know some people will say that what Bob Arum showed, on the other hand, was that he really has a contempt for fighters in general. Well, I say, phooey on them. Let's see these fighters who retire between rounds humiliated right out of the sport. Afterv all, iff these fighters do it once, they might do it again. And let's hear it one more time for Bob Arum.

ALAN BRINTON
Boise, ID



The heavyweight title reign of Mike Tyson has been so dominant that readers have already begun debating the results of an all-time dream matchup between "Iron Mike" and Muhammad Ali.

WHO'S THE GREATEST?

It is bothersome to always hear people comparing heavyweight king Mike Tyson to other past greats, such as Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, and even Sonny Liston. Tyson would've beaten both Frazier and Liston at their own game, which was to knock your opponent into oblivion, and Ali might've had a chance to win on points, provided that he survived till the final bell.

Perhaps Ali was the greatest, but it took him five or six rounds longer to dispatch of opponents that Tyson would've taken care of in one or two rounds.

I don't feel that there has ever been a more natural fighter in the ring than Tyson. He has all the attributes needed to become the greatest. He punches exceptionally hard and with great accuracy, has incredible body movement, and most importantly, he's very, very fast. Tyson is only 23; it's feasible that he'll continue to dominate the division for some time to come. Then we'll find out who the greatest is.

ERIC BOGART
Los Angeles □

ROUND ONE

A RAM-TOUGH PROMOTER: In March 1971, Leroy Irvin was a teenager who sat in his bedroom and listened to a Spanish radio station's call of the first Ali-Frazier fight.

"All I could understand," he recalled, "was Ali! Frazier! and the decision."

The 32-year-old Irvin, a two-time Pro Bowl defensive back for the Los Angeles Rams, has been a boxing addict ever since. But only recently did he do something about it. Irvin is now a licensed boxing manager in California, and his promoter's license is pending.

Football star Leroy Irvin

In November, Irvin was issued a temporary license so he could promote a world-class heavyweight matchup between Tony Tubbs and NABF champion Orlin Norris in Santa Monica. He was also planning a fight card on New Year's Eve, and another in March.

"This is my last year playing football," he said. "My goal is to always put on top-quality fights. Being an athlete myself, I want to take care of the fighters more."

How refreshing: A football player with the sense to organize a main event instead of wanting to headline it.

MEDIA REVIEWS: The latest addition to boxing's bookshelf is *England's Boxing Heroes,* by veteran British journalist Frank McGhee. It is a lively and well-researched 191 pages. McGhee offers brief biographies of 40 fighters, from Bob Fitzsimmons and Ted "Kid" Lewis to John Conteh and Lloyd Honeyghan. Stunning black-and-white photos decorate each mini-chapter.

British fighters, especially the heavyweights, are not always taken seriously by American fight fans. But McGhee colorfully recounts the greatest triumphs of England's ring history, including Fitzsimmons' one-punch win over Jim Corbett, Randolph Turpin's huge upset of Sugar Ray Robinson, and John Stracey's shocker over Jose Napoles. Though some of England's top fighters offered more courage and heart than speed or skill, McGhee recalls them for the heroes that they were. A good show.

England's Boxing Heroes is being distributed by David & Charles Inc., North Pomfret, Vermont 05053. The cover price is $29.95.

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The appeal of boxing at an intellectual level is fascinatingly examined in *Art In The Ring,* an hour-long documentary feature of the BBC's *Omnibus* program. Producer Kim Evans, a Briton who offers a decidedly American perspective, interviewed poets, actors, authors, and filmmakers (Norman Mailer, Budd Schulberg, and Joyce Carol Oates are prominantly featured), and shot stylish footage of the rings and gyms of London, New York City, and Atlantic City.

"There are languages other than words," Mailer once wrote. "There are languages of the body, and prizefighting is one of them."

Art In The Ring appreciates that language. If this documentary ever makes its way into your viewing area, don't miss it.

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Champions Forever, an 87-minute video celebrating heavyweight kings Larry Holmes, Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Ken Norton, and George Foreman, has been receiving tons of publicity. Given the intertwining careers of these marvelous subjects, the video-makers couldn't miss.

Champions Forever, which combines interviews with priceless footage of major bouts, is entertaining. But so much more, it seems, could have been done. Only the fighters are interviewed (they were brought together in Las Vegas in December 1988), which costs the video much-needed perspective. The significance of the "Thrilla In Manila" is inexplicably minimized, and, sad and excusable as it is, Ali's inability to fully share his memories leaves a terrible void.

Such an extraordinary quintet of champions deserved better.

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: Boxers on film: Former middleweight king Vito Antuofermo has landed a role in *Godfather III;* heavyweight prospect Tommy "Duke" Morrison will play Tommy Durrock, Rocky Balboa's protege, in *Rocky V;* ex-light heavyweight champion Don Lalonde, who ran in (and finished) the New York City marathon, has three movie roles lined up . . . Olympic bantamweight gold medalist Kennedy McKinney entered a drug rehabilitation clinic because of a cocaine problem . . . According to the *New York Post's* Mike Marley, long-

time welterweight contender Roger Stafford was paralyzed recently after being shot in a streetfight . . . Former junior middleweight champion Lupe Aquino was sentenced to six years in a California prison because of a 1988 crash that killed two passengers in his car . . . Former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista was arrested in Madrid, Spain, for possession of cocaine . . . Former welterweight contender Tommy Ayers has begun a comeback under Angelo Dundee . . . Two matchups for the new year: Ray Mercer-Carl Williams, and Mark Breland-Lloyd Honeyghan . . . From our stranger-than-fiction department, it now appears certain that Don King will soon qualify as an agent for the players of the NBA. Wonder if Larry or Magic have ever had their paychecks cut?

THIS BELT'S ON ME: On January 15 in Atlantic City, on the undercard of the Foreman-Cooney battle, WBO middleweight champion Doug DeWitt will defend against former WBC champion Iran Barkley.

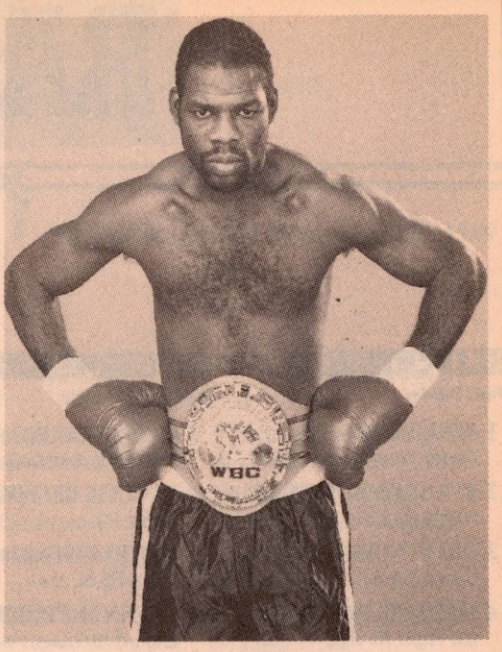
It's not that John Reetz, Barkley's manager, isn't appreciative of the opportunity to fight for the "title," but . . . well . . .

According to Reetz, fans who watch the fight on pay-per-view TV just might be treated to the following: Barkley wins the fight, preferably by kayo, and is fitted with the WBO championship belt. Then he's taken to the side of the ring for a television interview. In the middle of a question, Barkley interrupts the announcer and says, "This isn't a legitimate title. This belt couldn't even hold up my pants. Why don't *you* wear it?" Barkley proceeds to take off the belt and wrap it around the waist of the announcer.

"I told Iran what I'd like to do," said Reetz, "but it has to be genuine from him. When I told him about it, he looked at me like I was nuts, but he also understood.

"Iran and I aren't interested in paper titles or something fabricated. We're interested in the WBC title, something Iran feels was stolen from him a year ago [in February against Roberto Duran]. The WBO—no one ever contacted us as a title challenger. I don't even know they exist. It's a lot of malarkey."

Should Barkley pull off the publicity stunt, we assume the WBO would strip him of the title. But not before he strips himself.



Barkley and the belt he wants back

THE FINAL BELL: John F.X. Condon, an integral part of the New York City boxing scene in the '70s and '80s, died of cancer at age 75. Condon served, at one time or another, as publicity director, matchmaker, blow-by-blow announcer, vice president, and president of Madison Square Garden boxing. He was also the public address announcer of the Knicks for 42 years. His legacy, however, is New York's Kid Gloves program, which helped launch the careers of Mark Breland and Buddy McGirt, among others.

"He was one of a kind, a very special friend, and a great man," said publicist Pattie Dreyfuss.

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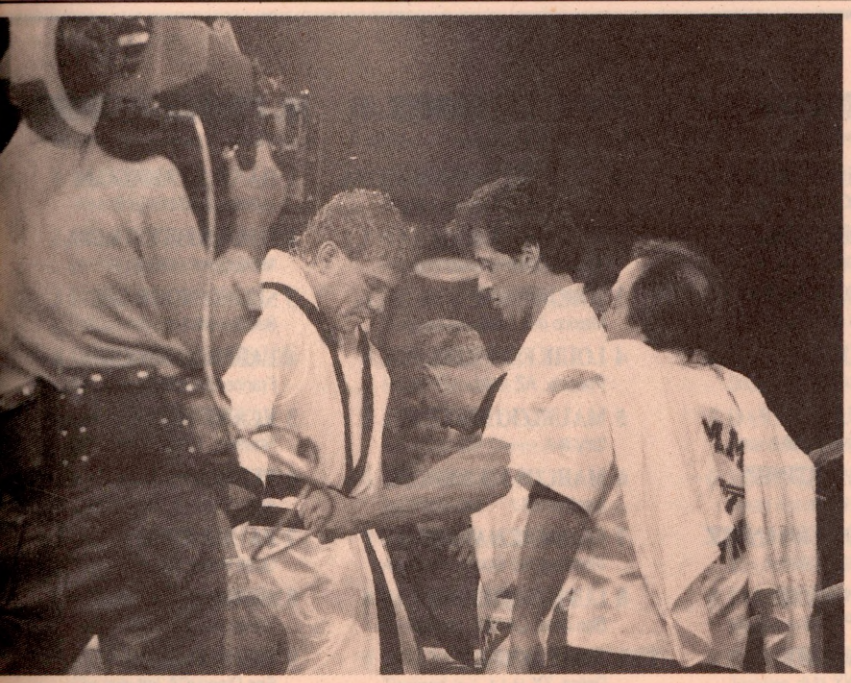
Three major executives of Donald Trump's hotel and boxing operations, Mark Grossinger Etess, 38, Stephen Hyde, 43, and Jonathan Benanav, 30, were killed when a chartered helicopter taking them from New York City to Atlantic City crashed on the Garden State Parkway. Etess, Hyde, and Benanav had attended a Manhattan press conference announcing a February matchup between Hector Camacho and Vinny Pazienza at Trump Plaza.

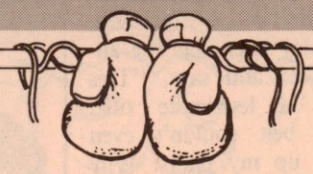
"Those two guys are my experts," Trump once said of Etess and Hyde. "With them, I don't need anybody else."

Trump's loss is boxing's loss as well. □



Sly Stallone with his "protege," Tommy Morrison

THE RING RATINGS



HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight Unlimited

1 **MIKE TYSON**
Catskill, NY *(World Champ) 37-0*

2 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Atlanta, GA *23-0*

3 **ORLIN NORRIS**
Campo, CA *22-1*

4 **MICHAEL DOKES**
Las Vegas, NV *40-2-2*

5 **FRANCESCO DAMIANI**
Italy *24-0*

6 **TIM WITHERSPOON**
Philadelphia, PA *30-3*

7 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Columbus, OH *29-4-1*

8 **CARL WILLIAMS**
White Plains, NY *22-3*

9 **RAZOR RUDDOCK**
Canada *22-1-1*

10 **GARY MASON**
England *32-0*

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 195 pounds

1 **CARLOS DeLEON**
Puerto Rico *(WBC Champ) 42-5*

2 **TAOUFIK BELBOULI**
France *28-1*

3 **DWIGHT MUHAMMAD QAWI**
Cherry Hill, NJ *32-6-1*

4 **GLENN McCRORY**
England *(IBF Champ) 27-5*

5 **NATE MILLER**
Philadelphia, PA *15-1*

6 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *26-1*

7 **PATRICK LUMUMBA**
Kenya *9-3*

8 **SAMMY REESON**
England *24-2*

9 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *16-1*

10 **DANIEL NETTO**
Argentina *16-0-1*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1 **VIRGIL HILL**
Las Vegas, NV *(WBA Champ) 26-0*

2 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Broomall, PA *(IBF Champ) 27-4-2*

3 **MICHAEL MOORER**
Detroit, MI *17-0*

4 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *(WBC Champ) 16-0*

5 **FRANKIE SWINDELL**
Houston, TX *17-3*

6 **DENNIS ANDRIES**
Detroit, MI *35-8-2*

7 **LESLIE STEWART**
Trinidad & Tobago *27-5*

8 **JOE LASISI**
Las Vegas, NV *20-1*

9 **MIKE SEDILLO**
Chino, CA *22-6*

10 **URIAH GRANT**
Miami Beach, FL *17-6*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limited: 168 pounds

1 **RAY LEONARD**
Potomac, MD *(WBC Champ) 35-1-1*

2 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Las Vegas, NV *46-3-1*

3 **FRANK TATE**
Houston, TX *24-1*

4 **IN CHUL BAEK**
South Korea *(WBA Champ) 46-2*

5 **CHRISTOPHE TIOZZO**
France *24-0*

6 **LINDELL HOLMES**
Detroit, MI *40-5-1*

7 **TONY BYRD**
Los Angeles, CA *15-1-1*

8 **JAMES KINCHEN**
San Diego, CA *46-7-2*

9 **FULGENCIO OBELMEJIAS**
Venezuela *49-5*

10 **VICTOR CORDOVA**
Panama *10-2*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *(IBF & WBC Champ) 19-1*

2 **EDWIN ROSARIO**
Puerto Rico *(WBA Champ) 35-3*

3 **GREG HAUGEN**
Henderson, NV *23-2-1*

4 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *24-16-3*

5 **JOHN DUPLESSIS**
New Orleans, LA *31-1*

6 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *23-0*

7 **DAVID GONZALES**
San Jose, CA *23-1-1*

8 **LOUIE LOMELI**
Melrose Park, IL *25-1*

9 **CHIL SUNG CHUN**
South Korea *15-1*

10 **POLI DIAZ**
Spain *26-0*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *(WBC Champ) 31-1*

2 **BRIAN MITCHELL**
South Africa *(WBA Champ) 39-1-2*

3 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *(IBF Champ) 20-2*

4 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *33-2*

5 **LUPE SUAREZ**
Corpus Christi, TX *28-2*

6 **MARIO MARTINEZ**
Mexico *47-5-2*

7 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *18-0*

8 **CALVIN GROVE**
Pottstown, PA *36-2*

9 **JUAN LaPORTE**
New York, NY *35-9*

10 **ROCKY LOCKRIDGE**
Mount Laurel, NJ *44-7*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Venezuela *(WBA Champ) 29-1-4*

2 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *(WBC Champ) 23-0*

3 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *(IBF Champ) 31-2-2*

4 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *35-3-1*

5 **MAURIZIO STECCA**
Italy *36-1*

6 **MARCOS VILLASANA**
Mexico *49-7-2*

7 **GEORGIE NAVARRO**
Vineland, NJ *19-3*

8 **LUPE GUTIERREZ**
San Jose, CA *22-2*

9 **TROY DORSEY**
Dallas, TX *11-2-2*

10 **RICARDO CEPEDA**
Bronx, NY *14-0-1*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 **DANIEL ZARAGOZA**
Mexico *(WBC Champ) 39-4-1*

2 **JUAN JOSE ESTRADA**
Mexico *(WBA Champ) 36-7*

3 **SEUNG HOON LEE**
South Korea *44-6-1*

4 **FABRICE BENICHOU**
France *(IBF Champ) 29-5*

5 **KENNY MITCHELL**
Houston, TX *20-7-3*

6 **PEDRO DECIMA**
Argentina *23-2*

7 **PAUL BANKE**
Quail Valley, CA *17-4*

8 **JOSE SANABRIA**
Venezuela *16-4-2*

9 **JESUS SALUD**
San Diego, CA *30-3*

10 **JESSE BENAVIDES**
Corpus Christi, TX *26-1*

Records Compiled By Eric Armit

How Our Ratings Are Compiled

- In each division, fighters are ranked according to their abilities and accomplishments.
- Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class.
- These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

For Period Ended November 20, 1989

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 MICHAEL NUNN
Los Angeles, CA *(IBF Champ) 34-0*

2 ROBERTO DURAN
Miami, FL *(WBC Champ) 85-7*

3 SUMBU KALAMBAY
Italy *46-4-1*

4 MIKE McCALLUM
Brooklyn, NY *(WBA Champ) 36-1*

5 IRAN BARKLEY
Bronx, NY *25-6*

6 MICHAEL WATSON
England *22-1-1*

7 HEROL GRAHAM
England *42-2*

8 MICHAEL OLAJIDE
New York, NY *27-2*

9 STEVE COLLINS
Brockton, MA *15-0*

10 KARAMA LEOTA
Napa, CA *22-1*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 JULIAN JACKSON
Virgin Islands *(WBA Champ) 38-1*

2 JOHN MUGABI
Tampa, FL *(WBC Champ) 35-2*

3 GIANFRANCO ROSI
Italy *(IBF Champ) 47-3*

4 JOHN DAVID JACKSON
Detroit, MI *19-0*

5 TERRY NORRIS
Campo, CA *23-3*

6 DARRIN VAN HORN
Lexington, KY *42-1*

7 ROBERT HINES
Philadelphia, PA *24-2-1*

8 RENE JACQUOT
France *25-7-1*

9 DONALD CURRY
Fort Worth, TX *31-3*

10 CHRIS PYATT
England *29-2*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 MARLON STARLING
South Windsor, CT *(WBC Champ) 45-5-1*

2 SIMON BROWN
Washington, D.C. *(IBF Champ) 31-1*

3 LLOYD HONEYGHAN
England *34-2*

4 MARK BRELAND
Brooklyn, NY *(WBA Champ) 25-1-1*

5 TYRONE TRICE
France *35-2*

6 MAURICE BLOCKER
Washington, D.C. *30-1*

7 BUDDY McGIRT
Brentwood, NY *45-2-1*

8 FUJIO OZAKI
Japan *26-5*

9 GLENWOOD BROWN
Plainfeild, NJ *26-1*

10 AARON DAVIS
Bronx, NY *25-0*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ
Mexico *(WBC Champ) 65-0*

2 MELDRICK TAYLOR
Philadelphia, PA *(IBF Champ) 22-0-1*

3 JUAN COGGI
Argentina *(WBA Champ) 42-1-2*

4 ROGER MAYWEATHER
Las Vegas, NV *34-6*

5 RAS-I BRAMBLE
Hampton Township, NJ *28-3-2*

6 LORETO GARZA
Sacramento, CA *25-1-1*

7 HECTOR CAMACHO
Big Cypress, FL *36-0*

8 FRANKIE RANDALL
Morristown, TN *40-2-1*

9 SAMMY FUENTES
Puerto Rico *20-7-1*

10 JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ
France *104-8*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 RAUL PEREZ
Mexico *(WBC Champ) 45-1-1*

2 ORLANDO CANIZALES
Laredo, TX *(IBF Champ) 22-1-1*

3 LUISITO ESPINOSA
Philippines *(WBA Champ) 22-5*

4 GERARDO MARTINEZ
San Jose, CA *23-0*

5 ISRAEL CONTRERAS
Venezuela *32-2-1*

6 KAOKOR GALAXY
Thailand *24-2*

7 MOON SUNG KIL
South Korea *9-1*

8 WILFREDO VASQUEZ
Puerto Rico *27-3-3*

9 KELVIN SEABROOKS
Charlotte, NC *24-15*

10 HURLEY SNEAD
Detroit, MI *39-2-1*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 KHAOSAI GALAXY
Thailand *(WBA Champ) 42-1*

2 NANA KONADU
Ghana *(WBC Champ) 18-0-1*

3 GILBERTO ROMAN
Mexico *53-5-1*

4 JOSE RUIZ
Puerto Rico *15-2*

5 JUAN POLO
Colombia *(IBF Champ) 27-5-2*

6 ELLY PICAL
Indonesia *18-4*

7 SANTOS LACIAR
Argentina *77-9-11*

8 ROLANDO BOHOL
Philippines *27-3-3*

9 THANOMSAK SITHBAOBEY
Thailand *26-1*

10 YONG HEUN LEE
South Korea *14-0*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 SOT CHITALADA
Thailand *(WBC Champ) 19-2-1*

2 JESUS ROJAS
Venezuela *(WBA Champ) 19-1-1*

3 FIDEL BASSA
Colombia *22-1-1*

4 JUNG KOO CHANG
South Korea *37-1*

5 DAVE McAULEY
Ireland *(IBF Champ) 14-2-2*

6 YONG KANG KIM
South Korea *19-1*

7 RAMON MEDEL
San Antonio, TX *17-4*

8 JAVIER LUCAS
Mexico *36-5*

9 RICHARD CLARKE
Jamaica *21-2*

10 ROMY NAVARETTE
Philippines *35-9-1*

POUND FOR POUND

Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 MIKE TYSON
Heavyweight

2 JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ
Junior Welterweight

3 PERNELL WHITAKER
Lightweight

4 MICHAEL NUNN
Middleweight

5 ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA
Featherweight

6 MELDRICK TAYLOR
Junior Welterweight

7 AZUMAH NELSON
Junior Lightweight

8 RAUL PEREZ
Bantamweight

9 VIRGIL HILL
Light Heavyweight

10 MARLON STARLING
Welterweight

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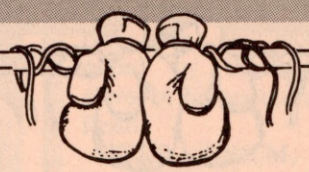


TV FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

DATE	WINNER/LOSER	DIVISION	NETWORK	SIGNIFICANCE	MATCHUP	RESULT
10/16/89	Reggie Miller KO 7 Danny Trevino *Undefeated Texas prospect kayoed in lively contest*	m	SC	C	C+	B+
10/17/89	Michael Carbajal KO 3 Jose Diaz *A right to the stomach finishes the usually durable Diaz*	jfl	ESPN	B-	B	C-
10/19/89	Tim Witherspoon KO 1 Anders Eklund *Portly "Terrible Tim" scores one-punch knockout*	h	USA	B	B-	B-
10/23/89	Frankie Mitchell KO 2 Mariano Ramirez *Rare one-punch kayo could earn Mitchell a title shot*	jl	SC	C+	C	C
10/23/89	**Raul Perez W 12 Diego Avila** *Fans boo lack of action in uneventful title fight*	**WBC b**	**PT**	**A**	**B-**	**D**
10/24/89	**Jeff Harding KO 2 Tom Collins** *Wild shootout until Collins quits on stool*	**WBC lh**	**ESPN**	**A**	**B**	**B**
10/24/89	**Virgil Hill KO 1 James Kinchen** *Usually sturdy Kinchen crumbles after one left hook*	**WBA lh**	**ESPN**	**A**	**B+**	**C**
10/26/89	Dennis Andries W 10 Art Jimmerson *Action-packed till Jimmerson wears down*	lh	USA	B	B+	B
10/30/89	Tim Brooks KO 6 Rowdy Welch *Physical infighting, then Welch suffers nasty eye gash*	l	SC	C	C+	B-
10/31/89	Alfred Rangel W 10 Abe Gomez *Surprisingly easy win for suddenly hot Texan*	f	ESPN	B-	B+	C+
11/02/89	Angel Hernandez KO 3 Chris Calvin *Mismatch; semifinal of Pipps-Romero should've been main event*	f	USA	C+	C	D
11/04/89	Evander Holyfield KO 8 Alex Stewart *Stewart's guts make it an exciting heavyweight shootout*	h	Show	A-	B+	A-
11/07/89	Tracy Spann KO 4 Bryant Paden *Another one-punch kayo for spectacular Spann*	l	ESPN	B-	B	B
11/09/89	**Simon Brown W 12 Luis Santana** *Santana takes beating, but keeps coming forward*	**IBF w**	**USA**	**A**	**B**	**B-**
11/10/89	Buddy McGirt KO 9 Joe Manley *McGirt's movement makes for near-shutout*	w	MSG	B	B	B-
11/13/89	Don Lee W 10 Keith McMurray *Unpredictable shootout ends in bad decision*	sm	SC	C+	C+	A-
11/13/89	Michael Dokes KO 8 Lionel Washington *Overweight Dokes (253) off the floor to score kayo*	h	PT	B	B-	B+
11/14/89	Ray Mercer W 8 Jerry Jones *Mercer extended for first time and doesn't shine*	h	ESPN	B	B	B+
11/16/89	William Rojas KO 10 Tunde Foster *Upset; unknown Venezuelan too strong for Tunde*	l	MSG	B-	C+	A-
11/16/89	Michael Moorer KO 1 Jeff Thompson *Thompson offers no resistance; Moorer still rising*	lh	USA	B+	B	B-
11/18/89	**Julio Cesar Chavez KO 10 Sammy Fuentes** *Chavez prevails in tough give-and-take fight*	**WBC jw**	**HBO**	**A**	**A-**	**A-**

Category explanation: "Significance"—The importance of the bout to the division and the fighters' future; "Matchup"—The quality of the fighters and the prefight determination of how their styles will mesh; "Result"—How the bout turned out, from the viewer's perspective.)

(World title fights in **bold** *type)*

Division key: h—heavyweight; c—cruiserweight; lh—light heavyweight; sm—super middleweight; m—middleweight; jm—junior middleweight; w—welterweight; jw—junior welterweight; l—lightweight; jl—junior lightweight; f—featherweight; jf—junior featherweight; b—bantamweight; jb—junior bantamweight; fl—flyweight; jfl—junior flyweight; s—strawweight.)

Network key: PPV—Pay Per View; PT—Prime Ticket; SC—SportsChannel America; Show—Showtime

KATZ SCAN

KEEPING THE MEMORIES ALIVE

By Michael Katz

IT WAS 10 years, and some were longer than others. There are many ways to measure time. As Jerry Jeff Walker says, "You may be older than me, but I've been up more hours." Three-minute rounds are forever when you're in trouble.

For a feature in this issue, Steve Farhood asked a bunch of us to pick out one indelible moment from the '80s. One boxing memory of 10 years. My choice involved Muhammad Ali, and it wasn't even his decade. Trouble is, it was less the decade of Leonard, Hagler, Holmes, and Tyson, than it was of Duk Koo Kim: constant attacks by the AMA, the abolition of 15-round title fights, the not-so-faint aroma of performing seals.

There were laughs, of course. In a few years the complaints will ebb and the '80s will be remembered fondly. Not a golden age, but enough wonderful fighters and fights to warrant more than just one memory. Farhood, the empathetic *Ring* leader, said go ahead, write postcards from the past. Dates and datelines are sometimes a blur. They don't count. Unimportant. Okay, imagine the post office just delivered these . . .

A SKI CAMP IN MICHIGAN, SPRING OF 1981: Leon Spinks, training for Larry Holmes, looked on with concern as porcupine quills were removed from an old Labrador. He was told it wasn't the first time. "That's why they call them dogs," said Leon, shaking his head sadly.

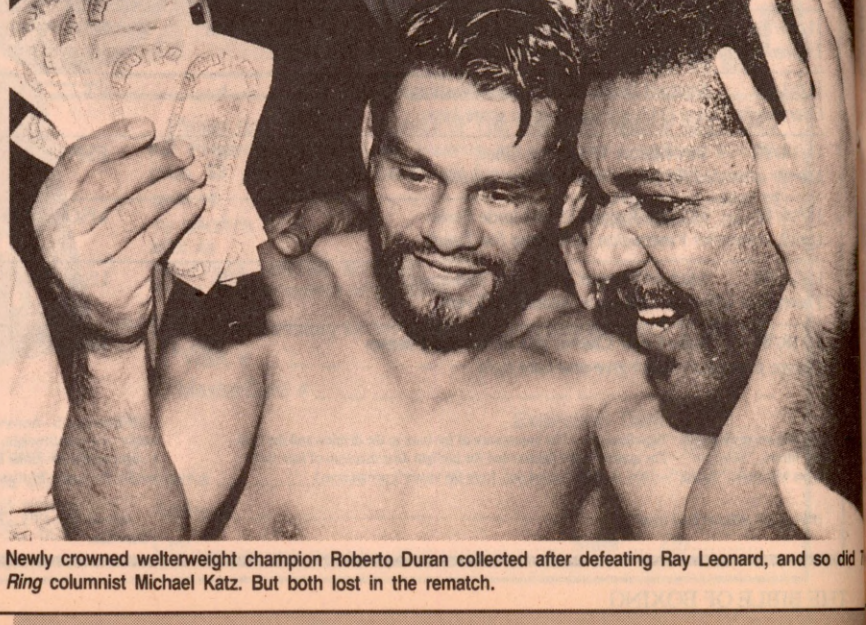
EAST SIDE OF DETROIT, SUMMER OF 1980: Thomas Hearns was getting ready for his first title shot, against the fearsome Pipino Cuevas. I was out writing a feature on the new kid from Detroit, and *The New York Times* photographer wanted a shot or two of the house where Hearns grew up. I asked Tommy for the address, but he said he would take us. "Tommy, we don't want to disturb you with such an important fight coming up," I said. He said no bother, he hadn't been back in the old neighborhood for a couple of weeks. Once he was back on the old block, friends teemed out of the old wooden houses to advise him, "You're going to kick the crap out of Cuevas." Tommy just smiled, said that he would do the best he could.

It was the endearing kind of thing that we learned to expect from this wonderful young man. James Shuler was killed in a motorcycle accident a few days after Tommy took his NABF middleweight title. Hearns went to the funeral in Philadelphia and presented the belt to Shuler's family. A great fighter, a better man.

HOTEL LOBBY IN MONTREAL, SPRING OF 1980: A phalanx of Panamanian guards was knocking down little old ladies as Roberto Duran moved through the lobby of his hotel. Duran spotted me and broke through the lines to give me a hug. "Listen, you SOB," I said, "I've got real money on you tomorrow night." He smiled. "Don't worry," he said. Then he offered us one of the greatest performances in sports history—beating Ray Leonard, who was bigger, stronger, faster, younger, and probably better, with sheer willpower.

HOTEL LOBBY AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL, A FEW MONTHS LATER: They were announcing the rematch. I thanked Duran for Montreal. "This time," he told me, "bet double." I did.

MOUNTAINS OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES: We changed cars twice. We drove around a few blocks to



Newly crowned welterweight champion Roberto Duran collected after defeating Ray Leonard, and so did *Ring* columnist Michael Katz. But both lost in the rematch.

Billy Collins' face shows the effects of the tampered gloves used by Luis Resto at Madison Square Garden on the Duran-Moore undercard in 1983. Collins never fought again.

make sure no one was following. Then we headed to the hills, where one of the FBI's most wanted was to grant his first face-to-face interview since being accused of stealing $21-million from Wells Fargo and then disappearing. At an isolated Ramada Inn, where we were waiting in the coffee shop, someone went by and dropped a room key on the table. We went to the room. A few minutes later, Harold Smith walked in. My hero.

A PRISON IN NEW JERSEY: Tony Ayala Jr. was chain-smoking cigarettes. He could not, by lawyer's directive, talk about the sex abuse case that delayed perhaps the *real* fighter of the '80s until sometime next century. He said the one thing he wanted was for his wife not to wait for him, that she deserved better and that, "She's gonna make some man a great wife." Years later I saw "El Torito" again at Rahway Prison. Lisa, his wife, had moved from Texas to Philadelphia to be closer to her husband.

A COUNTRY ROAD OUTSIDE NASHVILLE, 1984: Billy Collins Sr. pointed to the rocks in the gully below and said that was where his son hit his head and died in the auto crash. Said it didn't matter what the doctors said, he knew it was suicide because Billy Jr. couldn't live without boxing, and couldn't box after his face was ruined by the tampered gloves of his opponent, Luis Resto.

FELT FORUM, SEPTEMBER 12, 1980: A Golden Gloves champion was making his pro debut. "Nah, he'll never make it as a pro," was the consensus. Then I watched the 18-year-old kid with blazing hands who already knew how to hit and hold, and I said, "There's a world champion." A few fights later, guys like Gil Clancy and Harold Weston Jr. stopped laughing and agreed with me about Hector Camacho.

HARLEM, 1988: The family was arguing outside of the church. The wife was not going in until the girlfriend left. "Can you imagine the fight if Davey had left any money?" said a friend of Davey Moore's. It was another sad reminder that whatever unscrupulous promoters and managers do to boxers, a fighter's worst enemies are often relatives.

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, FEBRUARY 11, 1983: You always remember the day you almost die. Marvelous Marvin Hagler had just disposed of Tony Sibson. Outside, a blizzard was raging, and I almost didn't make it the two blocks back to my hotel. I wouldn't have, either, had it not been for boxing writer Rob Lawin carrying my computer, thereby earning the name "Nanook of Newark," and for Pat Putnam of *Sports Illustrated* refusing my pleas to lie down in the snow and give up.

LAS VEGAS, FEBRUARY 1989: HBO was having its usual prefight cocktail party, showing off to the press the up-close-and-personal stuff it would feature before the bout. There was a collage of Mike Tyson headlines featuring Catskill trees and Mitch Green and Robin and Ruth and Bill Cayton and Don King. None of us could believe that we lived through all that. Maybe we didn't.

EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA, WINTER OF 1981: Larry Holmes was driving. My wife was expecting our daughter, Moorea, and the champ, training for Gerry Cooney, said, "Don't make the same mistake I did—see the kid every day. I was too busy becoming famous for my first kids, but now I bring the kids everywhere." Always liked Larry.

UPSTATE NEW YORK, 1987: Gerry Cooney, who didn't talk to me at all before the Holmes fight, looked down from the ring where he was training for Michael Spinks. "You're short, fat, and ugly," he advised. My wife, Marilyn, objected. She said I wasn't that short. I wrote that if I didn't know him any better, I would've thought Gerry Cooney was looking for a fight.

ATLANTIC CITY, 1987: The day after his pathetic performance against Spinks, Cooney approached me, shook my hand, said bygones were bygones. I had attacked him as a symbol. He had to take it like a man.

LAS VEGAS, OCTOBER 3, 1980: It was the morning after Holmes beat Ali, and Leon Spinks had knocked out Bernardo Mercado, who was one of Jose Sulaiman's little number-one rated WBC jokes. Going down the elevator at the Aladdin, where the press and undercard fighters were lodged, I spotted a forlorn Mr. T leaning on the rail. "What's wrong?" I asked Leon's bodyguard. "Leon," he cried, "I can't find Leon." He did find Sylvester Stallone, though.

PORTLAND, MAINE, EARLY 1980: Hagler had been robbed against Vito Antuofermo and was working his way back to another title shot in this tank town. Goody Petronelli had to grab a phone, so Marvin called me up into his corner for his workout and asked me to mop his brow between rounds. "Harder," he said, "you won't hurt me." I did, years later, by picking against him in the Leonard fight. (My last-minute switch to Hagler didn't count, as far as Marvin was concerned.) "Marv always thought of you as family," Goody tried to explain. "He feels you turned on him. We understand, you're doing your job." Later, the fighter I respected most during this decade wrote me a nice note, thanking me for a piece I did on his retirement. □

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RYAN

OUT LOUD

SEEING THE FUTURE

By Jeff Ryan

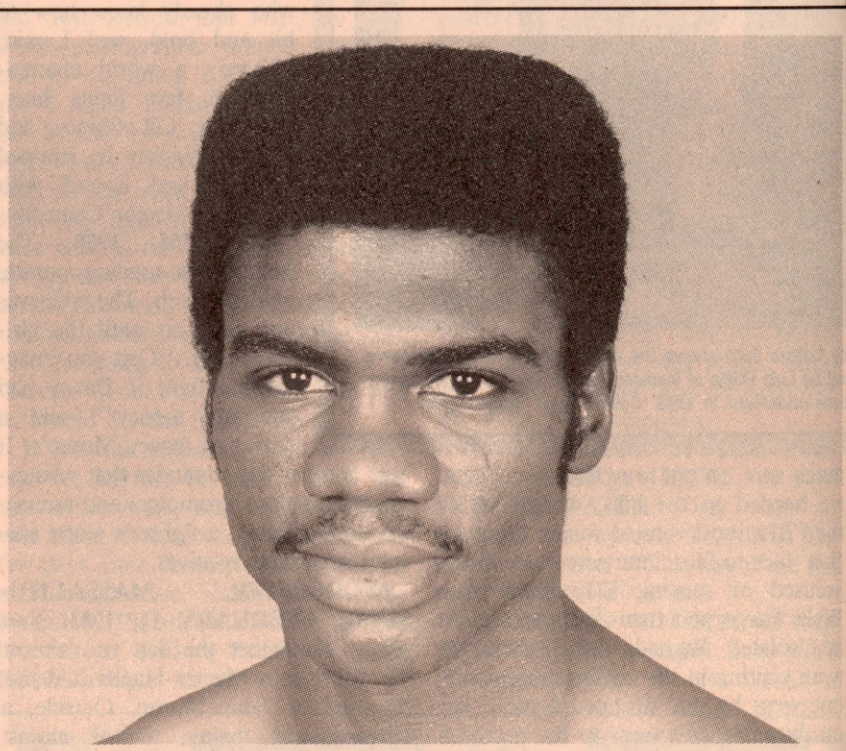
HE LAY ON a hospital gurney, about to be wheeled into an operating room a couple of thousand miles from home. Much more than the promising career of one of boxing's future stars was threatened, for in a few minutes, surgeons would be working to save the most precious of God's blessings, the sight in one of his eyes. And yet, there was Julian Jackson, confronted with a prospect many fear worse than death, looking up at a nurse and laughing hysterically.

"The nurse said to me, 'You're really getting a kick out of this,' " related the patient with the 38-1 (36) record. "It was strange, but a thought came to my mind, and I couldn't stop laughing. I remembered when I saw a movie once where Jerry Lewis got anesthesia and his body went all limp. His muscles twisted and they couldn't get the smile off his face."

They can't get the smile off Julian Jackson's face these days, either. The surgery was a success. The detached retina in his right eye was repaired, and the blurry vision has cleared up. As we spoke, he was just a few days away from seeing his family back in his native Virgin Islands. It had been weeks since he kissed his favorite ladies in the whole world, his wife, Debra, and his daughter, Julicia. Weeks since he laughed with Julius, tucked in John, or fired mock punches at Julian Jr.

And Julian Jackson was talking like a man who realized how unimportant something like a title defense can seem when compared to something like the hug of a child.

"I have four kids and I want to be able to see each of them grow up and make it in this world," he said. "I don't think I'd ever let anything jeopardize my sight."



Junior middleweight champion Julian Jackson was on the verge of stardom when his ring future was clouded by surgery to repair a detached retina. Will Jackson fight again?

A few weeks earlier, Jackson had left his home in St. Thomas for training camp in Edmonton, Canada, and an expected defense of the WBA junior middleweight title on the Tyson-Ruddock undercard. He had been given a going-away bash—literally—by Hurricane Hugo, and had thought he left his troubles behind when he escaped the eye of the storm. But he soon encountered a different kind of eye problem. About the time he reached camp, he began experiencing blurred vision in the corner of his right eye.

A tooth he had filled back in St. Thomas had become infected, and Jackson figured it was causing the problem with his vision. When the Tyson-Ruddock fight was canceled, Jackson resumed training at Don King's Orwell, Ohio, camp and, just to ease his mind, visited two eye doctors. They found nothing wrong. Jackson took medication for his tooth, but while it got better, the blurriness remained. When Jackson's defense was shifted to Las Vegas, he was examined by another eye doctor there. Again, no

diagnosis.

"That's when I was really puzzled," Jackson says.

Puzzled enough to make yet another appointment, this time with an eye specialist. On November 9, the fighter was diagnosed as having a detached retina. The surgery took place the very next day.

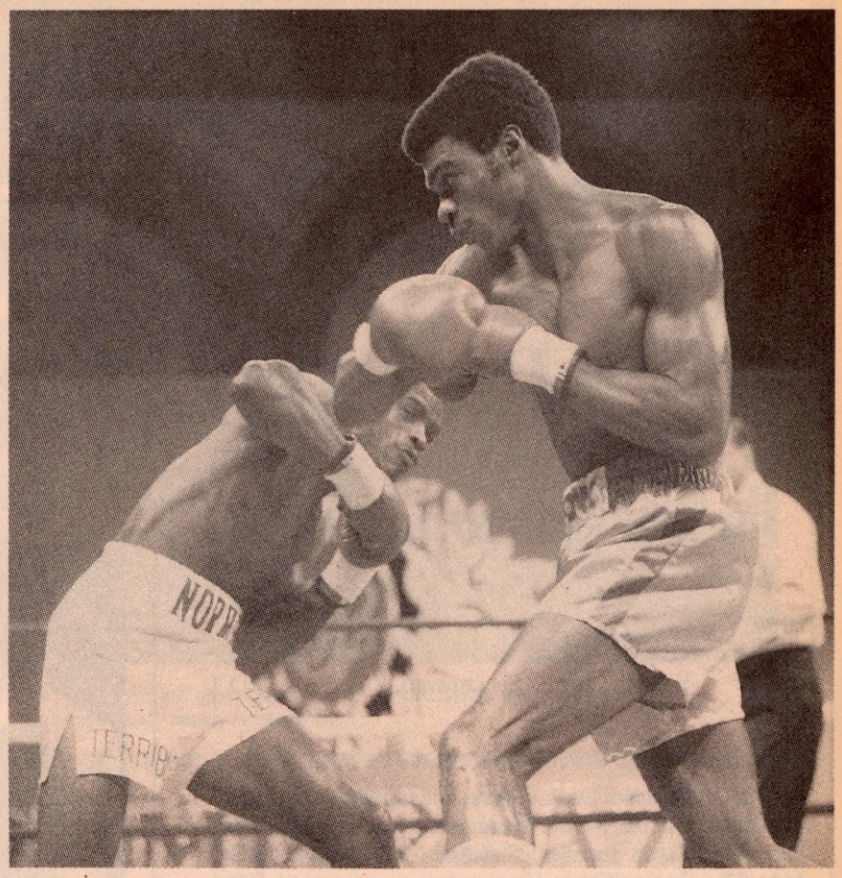
"It's strange," Jackson said a few days after the operation. "I'll never know how it happened. Once, when I was still an amateur, I got kicked in the right eye playing volleyball on the beach and there was blood inside my eyeball. And I remember getting hit once with a softball in the right eye. I also got thumbed in that eye by Mike McCallum [in a 1986 title bout]. But I don't know which of those things caused it."

He is not Sugar Ray Leonard, this kid with the grenades for fists and the voice as soothing as a tropical breeze. There was no feature story in *Sports Illustrated* detailing *his* tragic injury. There were no medical updates broadcast on the weekend anthology shows. No, Jackson was a single paragraph buried deep among the sports tidbits in *USA Today* and *The New York Times*. It's safe to say, some of the boxing community is reading about his surgery for the first time on these pages.

He is not Sugar Ray Leonard, and that is why I hold out hope that Jackson will be different from the fighter who concluded that eight-figure paychecks, transcontinental media tours, and the roar of Las Vegas crowds were worth gambling his eyesight on. Jackson is a man devoid of Leonard's need for ego gratification. He hasn't tasted superstardom, and thus, won't miss the glory if he walks away. At the same time, he is wealthy enough to keep a refrigerator stocked without having to get hit in the face.

"That hurricane was devastating to my house, and we could have used extra money to fix it up," Jackson says. "I could have gone on with my fight and not said anything, but I wouldn't put money in front of my eyes. If I can't box again, I'll find something else to do. I'm into real estate. I own land and some condos. I can work helping out kids who need guidance. There's lots to do. I'm lucky. There is a much greater high in my life than boxing, and that's Jesus Christ."

He is not Sugar Ray Leonard, and so, Julian Jackson is saying all the right things, not all the wrong ones. Then why am I worried? Why, as much as I want to believe that he can be different from the rest, different from Leonard, and Sugar Ray Seales, and Earnie Shavers, do I fear that hoping as much will prove to be naive?



In July, Jackson was badly outboxed by slick Terry Norris—until one punch eliminated the challenger in the second round. Until his eye surgery, Jackson's future was golden. He was a world champion at 154 pounds, and also rated second at middleweight by the WBC.

Maybe it's because I know what lies ahead, just as soon as that patch comes off his eye and he completes those four months of recovery. What lies ahead is confusion in deciding what to do about his career. And history has shown that when a fighter is confused, he always returns to the secure haven of that roped square.

Al Braverman, the director of boxing for Don King, Jackson's promoter, has already declared that Jackson "can fight again." The last time anyone looked, the title "Dr." was not in front of Braverman's name. Surely, though, an awful lot of guys who *do* have that title in front of their names will agree with Braverman. While, at the same time, countless others will insist that any future Jackson fight would be nothing less than a game of Russian roulette with his eyesight.

Jackson says he will visit a number of eye specialists, and that if he hears three opinions telling him not to fight, he'll never pick up a pair of gloves again. In the end, though, it won't be the opinion of any specialists, but the opinion of Jackson, that makes the final decision. And it's distressing that despite his insistence that he won't risk his sight, Jackson has, in fact, left his future open to a decision. If he really were afraid of the consequences of boxing again, wouldn't he have quit already?

"I'm going to hear that question a lot," he says. "But I have to keep alive the possibility that I'll fight. Boxing is what I do."

Here's hoping that when the eye patch comes off, when he holds Julicia, or watches another Jerry Lewis movie, or experiences a Virgin Islands sunset again, everything will come into focus for Julian Jackson.

Here's hoping that he won't be blinded by the reign. □

NEW

FACES

RICHARD DURAN

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

1988

Oct. 27	Kenny Carson, Sacramento, CA	KO 1

1989

Jan. 25	Ricardo De la Torre, Sacramento	KO 1
March 5	Martin Mora, Sacramento	KO 1
June 18	Cesar Jimenez, Stateline, NV	KO 1
Aug. 12	Javier Torres, Sacramento	KO 1
Aug. 28	Margarito Ruiz, Sacramento	KO 1
Oct. 7	Georgie Garcia, Sacramento	W 6
Nov. 4	Abe Castro, Sacramento	W 4

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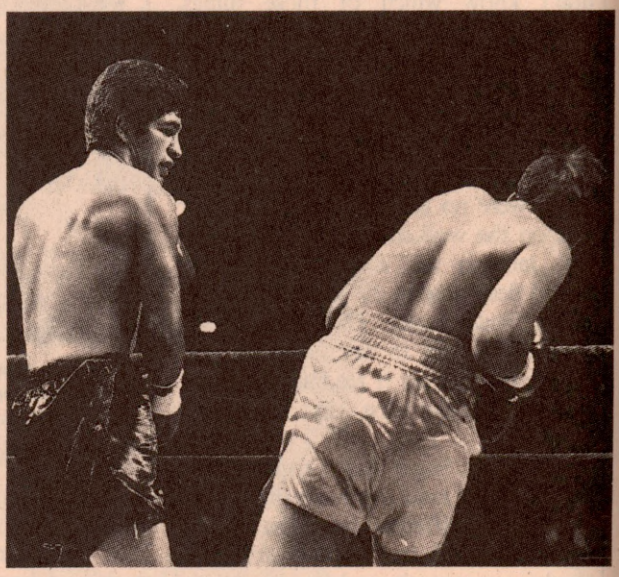
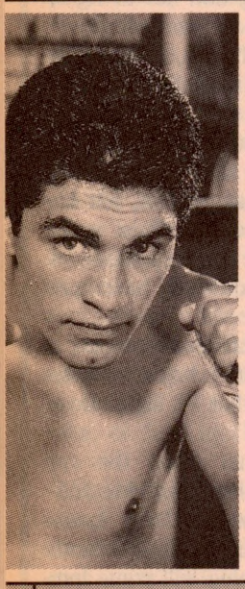


Duran, primarily a boxer as an amateur, blew out his first six pro opponents. Among the first-round victims: Javier Torres in August.



By Eric Bottjer

RICHARD DURAN has a baby face, a wide smile, and a wicked left hook. His opponents see the face and smile and wonder how this kid is undefeated—until the hook lands. Then they start counting ring lights.

Duran, a 122-pounder from Sacramento, California, is 8-0 (6) since turning pro in October 1988. Veteran boxing writer Jack Fiske of the *San Francisco Chronicle* describes him as a "thrill" fighter.

"He's exciting," Fiske says, "but it's really hard to say how good he'll be. With first-round knockouts, you can't tell much."

Duran's first six fights were all first-round kayos, and they lasted less total time than his seventh bout, a six-rounder with Georgie Garcia. A squat, strong Monterrey featherweight, Garcia took Duran the distance but lost a unanimous decision. "He came to fight," Duran said, "and he got hit the whole time."

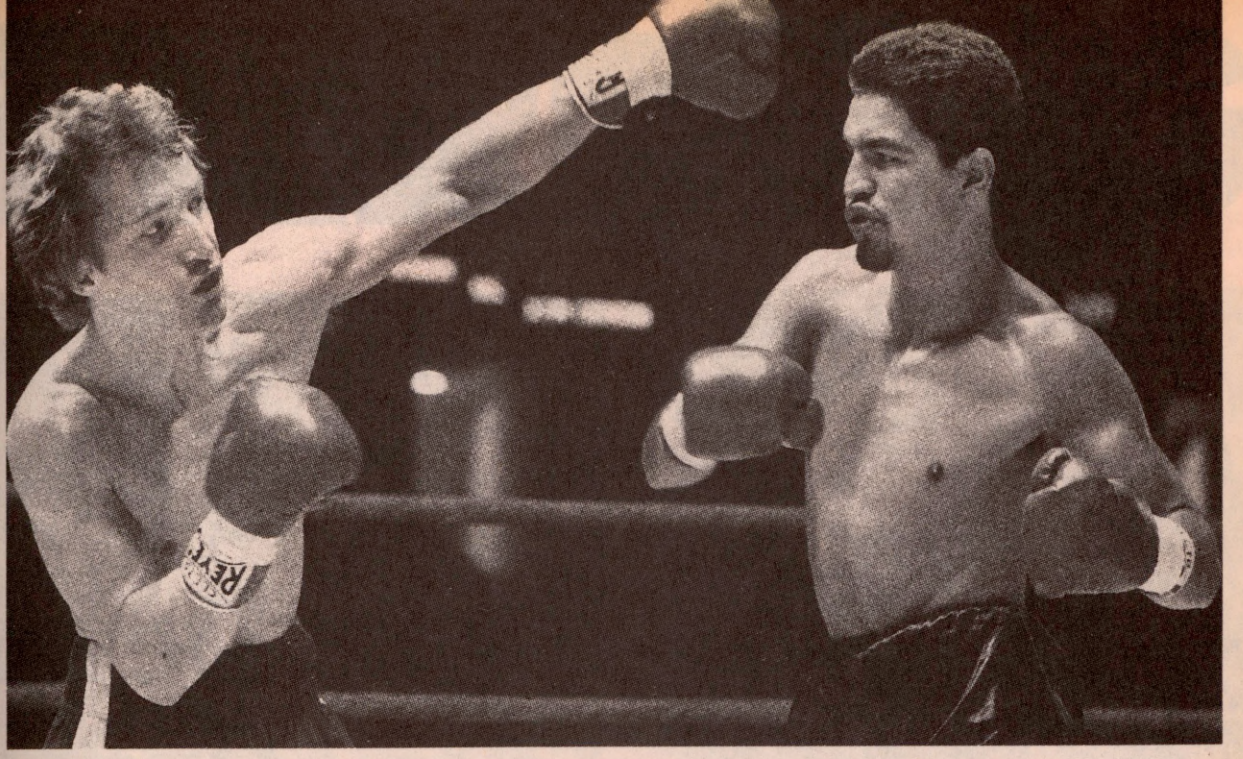
Duran nearly knocked out Garcia in the first round, but when the expected didn't happen, promoter Don Chargin breathed a sigh of relief. "I was glad Richard went the distance because he needed a tough fight," Chargin said.

Chargin, who has promoted all of Duran's fights, has been pleasantly surprised by his progress. He expected Duran to win his first eight bouts, but not in such whirlwind fashion. "He's an excellent boxer who has turned into a puncher; I really didn't expect this," the promoter said.

Duran says he really hasn't changed his style from his amateur days, when he compiled a 111-16 record, with 55 kayos. He says the absence of headgear, and smaller gloves, have enhanced the effectiveness of his punches. He also admits that most of his pro opponents have been easy to hit.

Duran, now 23, started boxing at age 11 in Pueblo, Colorado. He lived near a boxing gym and would peek through its windows every day. One day, a trainer walked out and asked Duran if he wanted to box. Duran tried it for a few weeks and quit.

"They had me spar with guys with much more experi-



In his pro debut, Duran begins to launch his destructive left hook against Kenny Carson. Duran, along with local products Tony Lopez and Loreto Garza, has helped revive boxing in Sacramento.

ence," he said. "I told them I didn't want to be a punching bag, and left. Pretty soon, though, I was looking in those windows again."

In his first amateur tournament, Duran captured a Colorado Junior Olympics title. He subsequently fought his way to the 1984 Olympic Trials as a 112-pounder, losing to eventual runner-up Jesse Flores.

"He should have been the 112-pound champion," says Pedro Fernandez, a four-time San Francisco Golden Gloves champion and now a boxing writer. "It was the typical politics you see in amateur boxing. He lost because they thought he was too young."

Chargin believes that Duran's extensive amateur background gives him the necessary experience to fight 10-rounders sooner than most pros. As a result of the promoter's confidence, Duran will headline a card this spring at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento, to be televised by Sports-Channel America. In the fall, he should be ready to headline at Sacramento's 17,000-seat Arco Arena, where hometown heroes Tony Lopez, the former IBF junior lightweight champion, and Loreto Garza, the USBA junior welterweight titlist, have led the revival of Sacramento boxing. According to Chargin, Duran is farther along than Lopez or Garza were at similar points in their careers.

The Duran camp wants a title shot by mid-1991. "My trainer, Don Conley, says it takes three years to build a champion," Duran says. "But he says we can do it in less time."

Seeking a title shot so soon, counters Fiske, "might be a mistake. They may be rushing him."

Only tough opponents, of course, will provide answers to the tough questions Duran still faces. The biggest unknown is his stamina. Duran slowed noticably in the last two rounds against Garcia, but he claims the bout was changed from four to six rounds at the last moment, and he was unprepared.

Another question concerns his chin. Duran's fifth opponent, Los Angeles featherweight Javier Torres, extended a right hand in the first round, and Duran, in a hurry to end the fight, ran into it and was rocked. Grinning, he boxed his way out of trouble and scored his knockout less than a minute later.

Duran and his wife, Geraldine, who have two children, have been married for five years. They were on welfare before Duran turned pro. Jimmy Anderson, a Sacramento businessman, headed a group of investors, including former San Francisco 49ers center Forrest Blue and veteran golfer Chi Chi Rodriguez, who backed the fighter with about $10,000. Duran's primary source of income is now a Sacramento brick manufacturing plant that employs him as a laborer. And Anderson, the fighter's manager, has set up a trust fund for Duran's children. If he wins a title, Duran says he won't quit his job, but he'll expect a promotion at the plant.

Duran says he'll retire from boxing in five years. If he has a chin, health, and stamina, his natural ability and left hook could propel him to a world title before then. Duran claims he can still make 118 pounds and would like a shot even at the bantamweight crown. But quality opposition isn't always readily available. Chargin had to pay a recent opponent $1,100 not to back out of a six-rounder. For that fight, Duran earned $400.

Duran says he doesn't much care whom he fights, be it bantamweights, featherweights, or, in one case, a junior lightweight. After Tyrone Jackson was knocked out by then-champion Lopez last June, he and Duran exchanged words and had to be separated. This time, it was Duran's opponent—or would-be opponent—who came away smiling.

"Man," laughed Jackson, "that boy's crazy."

The ones with the baby faces and wide smiles usually are.

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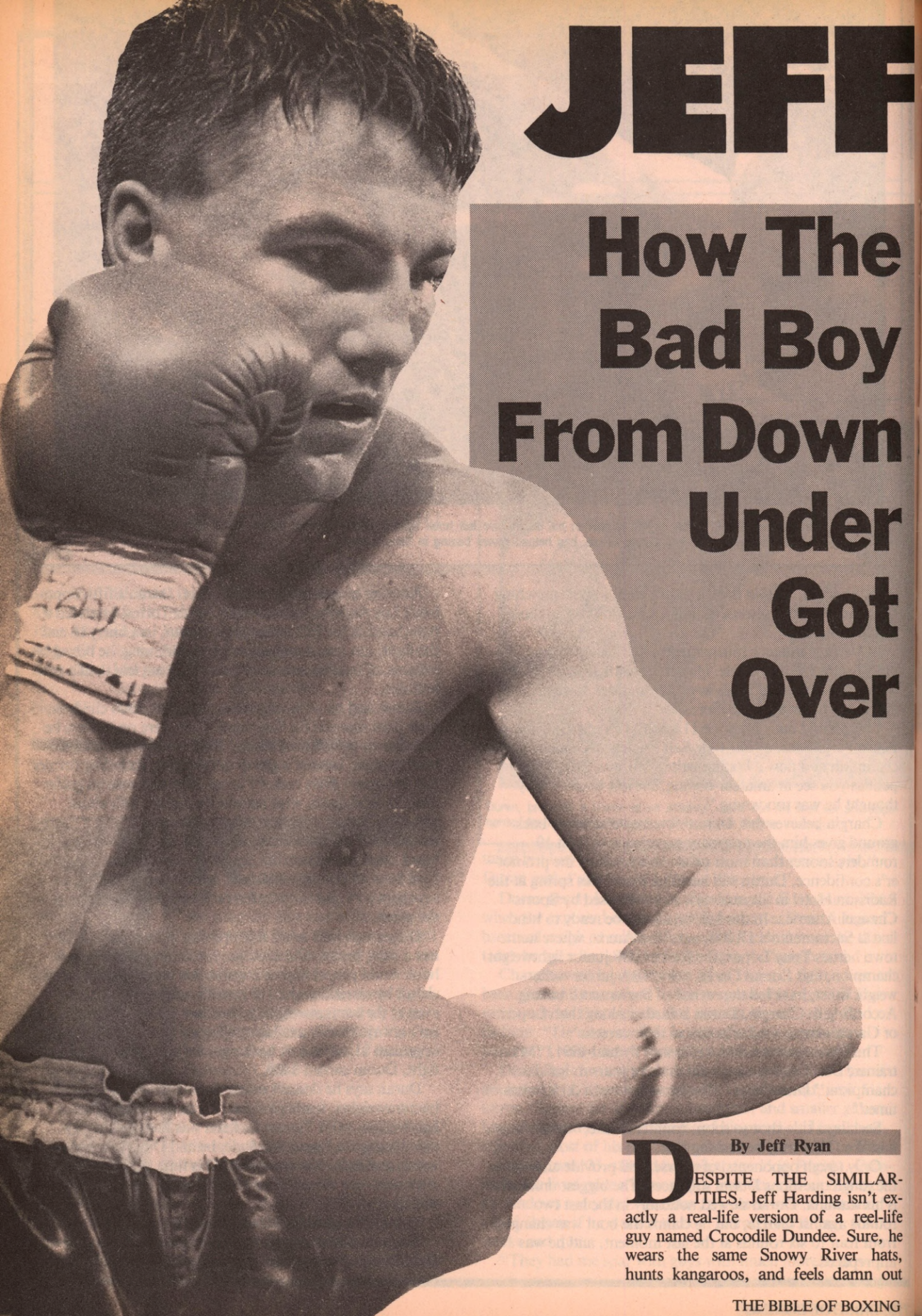
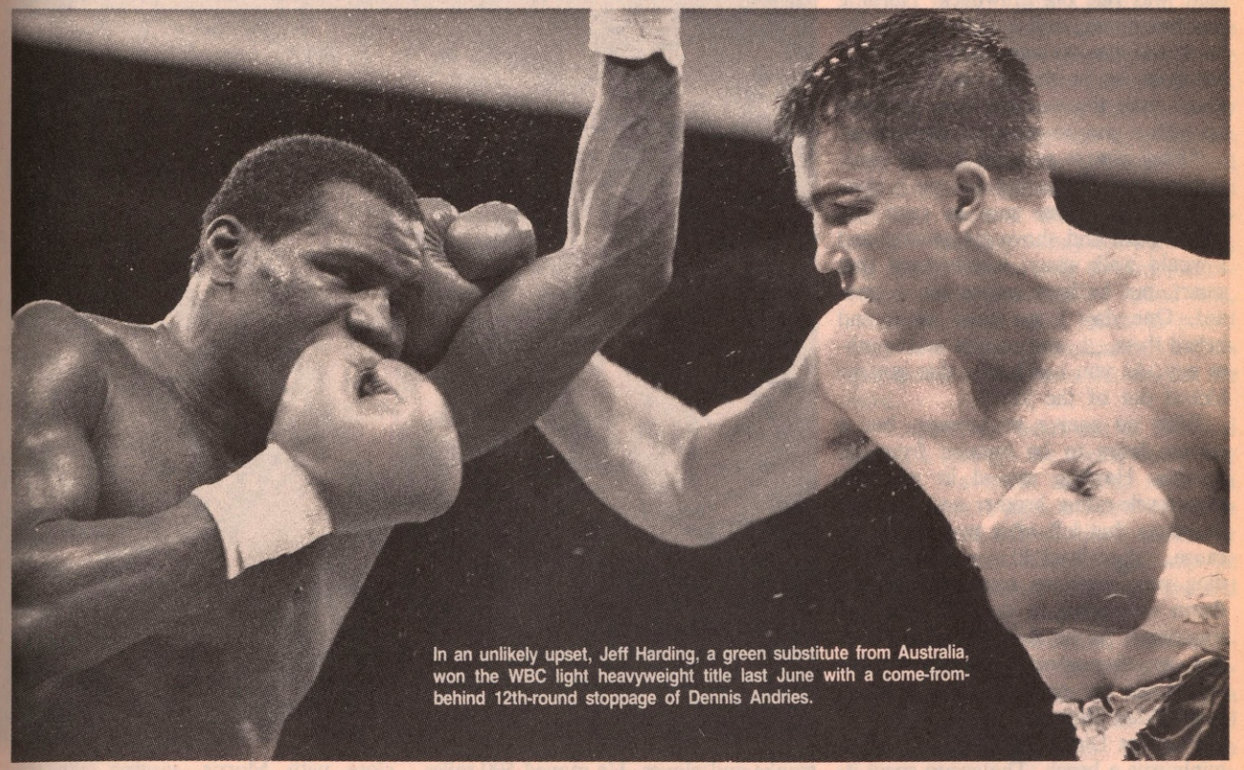
JEFF HARDING

How The Bad Boy From Down Under Got Over





In an unlikely upset, Jeff Harding, a green substitute from Australia, won the WBC light heavyweight title last June with a come-from-behind 12th-round stoppage of Dennis Andries.

By Jeff Ryan

DESPITE THE SIMILARITIES, Jeff Harding isn't exactly a real-life version of a reel-life guy named Crocodile Dundee. Sure, he wears the same Snowy River hats, hunts kangaroos, and feels damn out of place on this, his first trip to midtown Manhattan. But *this* devil from Down Under wouldn't think of discouraging a would-be mugger by merely producing a knife that's longer than a list of Olivia Newton-John's gold records. No, if a mugger crosses Harding's path, the poor bloke won't get away quite so easily.

"They tell me to watch myself around here," Harding says in his thick Australian accent, his torso leaning out the window of his room at The New York Penta hotel. "But I'm a bushman, a pretty hard sort of a guy. It wouldn't be difficult for me to bite someone's ear off or poke their eyes out, it really wouldn't."

Fortunately for his rivals, he hasn't done either in his role as WBC light heavyweight champion. Though in his coming-out party, an ABC-televised kayo of Dennis Andries in Atlantic City last June, desperate measures were certainly needed. Trailing on all three scorecards, blood streaming down his face from cuts over both eyes, Harding staged a wild rally in the 12th and final round. Firing combinations furiously, he floored Andries twice and stopped him with just 1:37 left to capture the crown.

It was an inspiring performance, one that revealed Harding to be one of boxing's most exciting and intense competitors. But by the next day, this stranger in a strange land was already on his way back to Australia and away from the scrutiny of the American media, thus assuring that he'd remain one of the sport's biggest mystery men. Seven months into his reign, most people are still wondering, *Just who is Jeff Harding?*

Well, for starters, he's a walking contradiction, both a world champion and an inexperienced rookie who'll be steered away from guys named Hill, Moorer, and The Prince until he better learns his craft. A refreshingly uninhibited 24-year-old, yet one whose personality can be as salty as Vegamite. A kid who loves his family, yet is troubled by his icy relationship with his mother. And a man who is engaged to be married, but whose attitudes toward women would make the most piggish of chauvinists seem like Alan Alda by comparison.

Harding has done nothing in his life the conventional way. That especially includes traveling the path from the small town of South Graft in the outback of Australia to the forefront of the light heavyweight ranks. His is a fistic career born not of rage, but boredom. It is a journey not consisting of an endless string of street battles, but of a chain of events triggered by his inherent dislike of formal education.

"I may have been pigheaded in school, but I was tired of getting taught by geriatrics," he explains of his high school days. "Most of the teachers in Australia at that time were old. They weren't broad-minded. They didn't respect me, and they wanted me to respect them. I don't know how to respect idiots."

When Harding was 16, he informed his father, Morris, of his growing dissatisfaction with the three r's (readin,' writin', and teachers with rheumatism).

Morris offered Jeff a deal: He could quit school, but only if he got himself a job. Dad drove a hard bargain, but Jeff quickly agreed to it, eventually finding work in a brickyard.

The job paid the American equivalent of $300, a good weekly wage in Australia in 1981, Harding says. But there was one big drawback: Harding was just a teen, and nobody else in the brickyard was younger than 26. When boredom set in during lunch hour, it didn't take the workers long to come up with a way to entertain themselves.

"They always gave me a hard time, always took things out on me," Harding recalls. "One guy in particular would push and shove me around and I would walk away. I considered that smart, but he kept calling me a coward. One day I got tired of it and belted the s____ out of him and another guy. As you can guess, that got me kicked out of the job."

With no source of income, but a strong desire to be weaned from his parents, Harding moved in with his motorcycle-riding brother and a group of bikers, but left after two weeks because, "they lived like rats." If Harding was going to rough it, he was damn well going to do it in nice surroundings. So he and five of his buddies got themselves a couple of tents and took up residence on a beach called Mini Waters.

For The Dirty Half-Dozen, life certainly was a beach. The group spent its days surfing, fishing, exercising at a health club in town, and hanging out in pubs. "Basically being bums," he says. "We collected what Americans call unemployment. We called it, 'living on the dole.' It was a good time while it lasted. Some of those guys are still doing it now."

It was during one of his trips to the health club, in 1982, that Harding met Steve Cansdell, a former Australian light heavyweight. One day Harding picked up a pair of gloves that were lying on the floor and began pounding the heavybag. Cansdell walked by and offered to teach him how to box.

"I'm not interested in fighting," came the reply. "See ya later."

Later, it turned out, was in two weeks. Realizing that there might be more to life than sand, surf, and Foster's beer, Harding returned to the gym, anxious to learn all that he could. A few months later, at Cansdell's insistence, he had his first amateur fight. Lacking confidence, but not grit, he stiffened his rival in 90 seconds and decided that his future was in trunks and gloves. He moved 500 miles to the boxing hotbed of Sydney to work with John Lewis, the trainer of triple-crown titlist Jeff Fenech.

By 1985, 20-year-old Jeff Harding was one of Australia's most promising amateurs, but more importantly, he was a kid who felt that his life was finally in order. Then, one day when Harding was preparing to leave Australia for the first time in his life, to compete in the President's Cup tournament in Indonesia, his perfect world unraveled.

When Harding gave his passport application to his father to fill out, Morris Harding took Jeff aside and dropped a bombshell: He was not, he revealed, Jeff's real father. Morris explained that after he and his wife, Dorothy, had four children of their own, Dorothy had an affair with a Dutchman, a man whose name he knew only as Ressell. Jeff was the product of that affair.

Harding took the news fairly well, and today even jokes about it. ("I'm a bastard," he says, "and a *mean* bastard, too.") He remains extremely close with Morris, visiting him frequently at his janitor's job. But ever since the day Morris revealed the family secret, Harding's relationship with his mother has been strained, to say the least.

"Me and the old lady don't get along," Harding says. "I've lost a lot of respect for her. I think she should have told me about my background. I think because of what happened, she's f_____ spiteful. Mom never calls. Sometimes I call her, but she's distant and cold on the phone. And I know she doesn't like me fighting."

When Harding faced Carlos Antunes in 1988, his parents drove 700 miles from South Graft to Tweed Heads, and during the fight, his mother sat in the car outside the arena. Harding remains angered that when he became engaged to Wendy Buckley last year, his mother didn't attend the engagement party.

"She was probably too afraid she'd have a good time," he says.

That Harding ever became engaged, even he admits, is an upset on the order of Harding KO 12 Andries. After all, the fighter's feelings toward the opposite sex, or the "sheilas" as they say Down Under, can often border on the barbaric.

"My biggest downfall was always that I couldn't verbalize," he explains. "My caveman tactics always got me nowhere. Wendy is the first sheila I took out to dinner. I was never one for buying a girl drinks, giving her a peck on the cheek, and doing that for four or five nights before you got something. I'd rather go around the corner and [go to a prostitute] for five bucks. We're not talkin' money, we're talkin' principle."

Harding is the quintessential macho man, and in speaking with him, one is reminded constantly of the fighter's toughness. Ask him about his love of rugby, for instance, and he is quick to point out that he played rugby *league*. "There's a difference," he says. "Rugby league is tougher. It's like your gridiron with no pads. Rugby isn't tough. They just run around pulling each other's pricks."

At times, Harding's toughness can turn to meanness. How mean can he be?

"Pretty mean, I guess," he says. "I once shot my best friend."

Fortunately, that was only his bull terrier, Norm. (Fortunately that is, for everyone but Norm.) Back in his beach bum days, Harding and his dog would occasionally visit a farm in nearby Boorman's Creek, where prized Hereford cattle were raised. Norm liked chasing the cattle, which struck fear not just in the animals, but in Harding as well.

"If he ever caught one, I'd still be paying it off," he says.

Eventually, the owner of the farm decided he'd seen enough. He grabbed a gun one day and announced that Norm was about to go to that great kennel in the sky.

"What! That's my dog!" Harding protested. "You can't shoot him . . . *I'll* shoot him."

"He's got an everyday toughness about him, a viciousness that I associate more with a Duran than with a former surfer," says ABC-TV boxing analyst Alex Wallau. "But it's an image that's backed up by substance. He's not a great fighter. He's limited. But he brings a quality to the ring that it's important people see: a willingness to go up against the pain, accept it, fight through it, and win. He did that against Andries better than I've seen any fighter do it in a long time."

In Harding's encore performance in October, an ESPN-televised defense against Briton Tom Collins in Brisbane, the champion had little chance to display the desire that impressed the boxing community four months earlier. Though ring announcer Ray Connolly introduced Harding as a champion who is, "passionately orbiting toward catastrophic magnitude," ("Half them f_____ words I didn't even understand," Harding says.) on this night, the Aussie orbited only toward controversy. Harding controlled round one, swallowed some right hands in round two, and then, inexplicably, Collins quit on his stool before the bell for the third.

"I ripped the heart out of him and kicked it through the ropes, that's why he quit," a bitter Harding says. "It bothered me. People in America saw a job half-done and all they'll remember is that he quit. They forget *why* he quit. It was because I beat on him and made him s____ himself."

The stoppage of Collins raised Harding's record to 16-0 (13), but he indicates that the true tests of his skills, a defense against powerhitter Michael Moorer, or unification bouts with WBA titlist Virgil Hill or IBF king Prince Charles Williams, remain many months away.

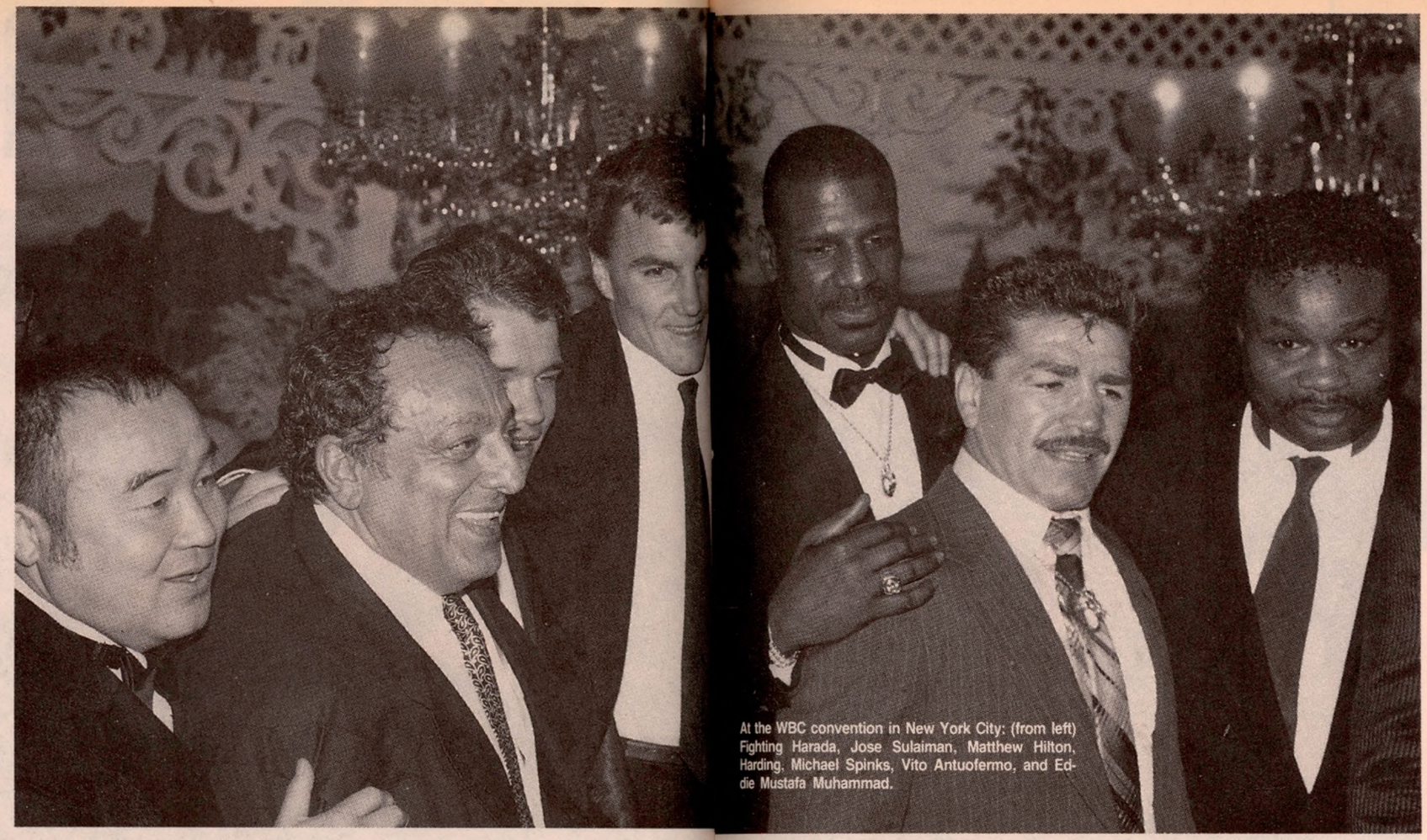
"When the time comes, I'll fight them," Harding says. "But I'm not quite ready for that yet."

Harding officially made his trip to Manhattan to attend the WBC's annual convention. But he actually had a much bigger reason for coming to America. It was a trip, he hoped, that would gain him some badly needed exposure in boxing's media capital.

"I'm patriotic," he says, "but America is *the* fight place. This is where it's at. I imagine I'll be fighting here often in the future. I know I need to get that recognition."

For now, however, he'd occupy himself with more immediate concerns: fighting the jet lag from the long flight from Australia, and finding a way to kill all the time he had on his hands.

"Maybe I'll go out for some fun," he said as he walked his visitors to the door of his room. "What are the sheilas like here? You know, Goodyear is one of my sponsors. Maybe I can get them to pay for my condoms?" □



At the WBC convention in New York City: (from left) Fighting Harada, Jose Sulaiman, Matthew Hilton, Harding, Michael Spinks, Vito Antuofermo, and Eddie Mustafa Muhammad.

PETE RADEMACHER:

A Career That Began With A Climax

By Lee Groves

EVERYONE HAS AN image of the boxer in retirement. In most cases, the picture is not a pretty one.

Recalled is someone like the pitiful Mountain Rivera from *Requiem For A Heavyweight*. Or the thick-tongued Rocky Balboa of the *Rocky* tetralogy. Or even Jake LaMotta's violently unstable character in *Raging Bull*. The mainstream public thinks of the faltering gait, the cauliflower ears, the slurred speech, and the thinning bank account.

Of course, not all ex-fighters fit this description, but enough of them exist to perpetuate the image.

Then there's Pete Rademacher.

As a fighter, Rademacher transcended the borders of a boxing career. Not only did he challenge heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson in his professional debut, but he managed to sell the ludicrous matchup to the public. Rademacher was kayoed by Patterson, and, after a brief retirement, was stopped in his second bout by then-number-one contender Zora Folley. His overall career mark was a mediocre 17-6-1. No matter; Rademacher's place will always be secure in boxing history. In the 1958 edition of *The Ring Record Book*, his fight-by-fight *amateur* record was printed. And that was *after* the loss to Patterson.

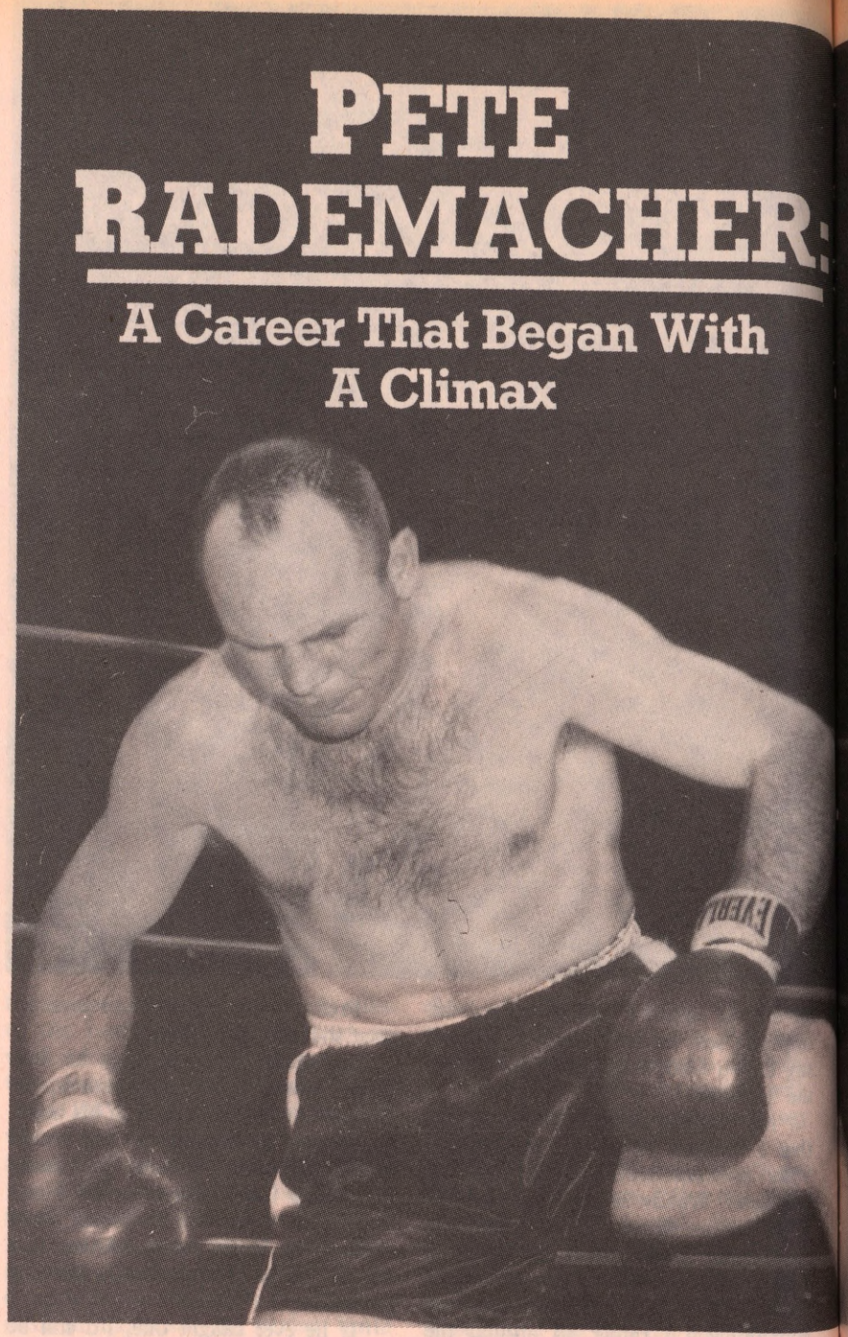
In Rademacher's life after boxing, the 61-year-old native of Washington state continues to break the bonds of tradition. Rademacher's gentle demeanor belies the fury needed to succeed in boxing. His voice is crystal-clear, and he's always ready and willing to speak candidly on any subject. He weighs a ready-to-rumble 218 pounds, and bears no scars from his ring battles. The only sign that Rademacher couldn't still spar half-a-dozen rounds: He walks with a slight limp because of stainless steel knee joints that were implanted in May 1988.

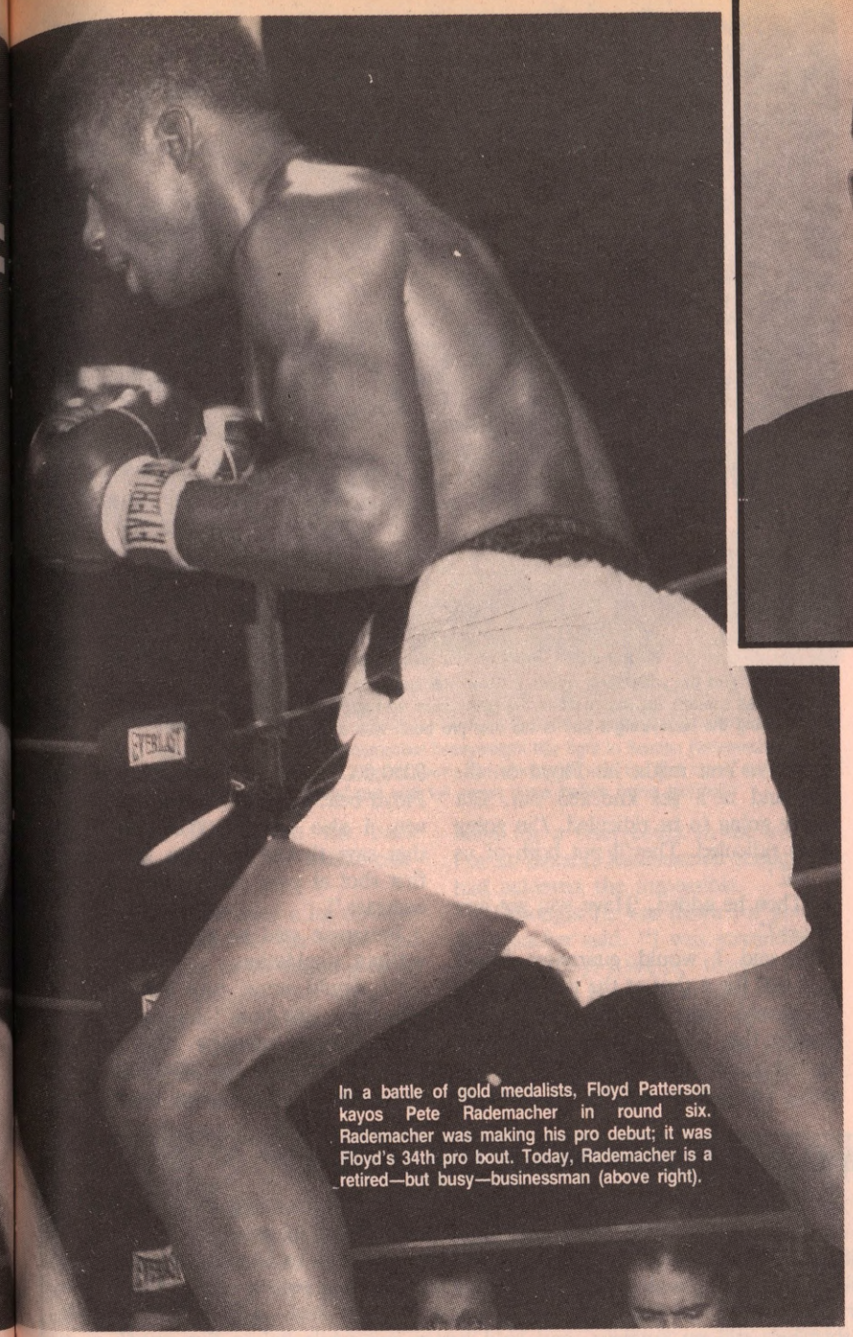
"My knees were getting so bad, I was bleeding to death, which is strange, because I've never had a knee injury," he said. "I thought I had cancer, but as it was, I had anemia and pinpoint hemorrhages. Three months after the operation, I was out playing golf. Now I can play 36 holes three days in a row and not get tired."

Only nine years after joining corporate America as a salesman, Rademacher became the president of the Kiefer-McNeil division of the Akron-based McNeil Corporation. (Kiefer-McNeil builds swimming pools.) He held the post until his retirement on Halloween 1987. Rademacher has been—and still is—a boxing referee, a promoter, an officer in the Army, an Olympic champion, a professional shooting instructor, and holder of five patents, including one for a chlorinating unit used in today's swimming pools.

"When I retired from boxing, I found I was 33 years old with three babies and a lovely wife," he said. "I wasn't wealthy and I wasn't heavyweight champion, so I came out of the clouds and found a job with a major corporation. I've lived my life so that it's chock-full of things to keep my noodle working."

Rademacher's current passion is his work for the American Cancer Society. He runs the ACS golf program in Ohio. A few days before a tournament in Marietta, Ohio, Rademacher participated in the Hall of Fame parade in Canton on a one-wheel motorcycle of his own design. The wheel is an astounding 66 inches in diameter, and Rademacher sat inside the wheel to operate the controls. After the Marietta event, Rademacher traveled to Franklin County to serve as a guest speaker at the county's ACS ladies gold tournament. The following day, he was the special guest at the international LPGA tournament in Washington state. The man is more active in retirement than most people are during their working careers.





In a battle of gold medalists, Floyd Patterson kayos Pete Rademacher in round six. Rademacher was making his pro debut; it was Floyd's 34th pro bout. Today, Rademacher is a retired—but busy—businessman (above right).

But Rademacher was never busier than in 1956 and 1957, when he ambitiously undertook a 24-hour-a-day project of selling himself.

Rademacher's tour in the limelight began when he won the gold medal at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. But Rademacher would have never experienced what he called "the proudest moment of my life" had he kept a promise to his wife Margaret.

"I had retired from boxing when I entered the Army in June 1953 because I promised my wife," he said. "The Army found out I had won the National AAU tournament, so they drafted me to run the boxing program at the Fort Benning post. I had 13 20-man teams going.

"The athletic director of the post wanted me to try out for the Olympic team in 1956, so I'm back working in the ring and Margaret doesn't know it. One night at a cocktail party in the officers' club, some colonel's wife says to Margaret, 'Isn't it exciting that Peter's going to the Olympics?' Talk about fights! I had the toughest fight of my career when I came home that night. I thought she was going to nail me at the party."

Beginning with an elimination tournament at Fort Benning through his three kayo wins at the Olympics, Rademacher fought 32 times. Shortly before the Olympics, however, he suffered a potentially disastrous arm injury.

"I hit a guy with a looping right hand to the elbow and I tore the muscles in my arm," he recalled. "The whole arm was black, and I went into the hospital for 12 days. After I was released, I went back to the Army base, and they had three heavyweights there waiting to take my place on the team. When they saw me walk in the gym, their teeth almost dropped out of their heads. I boxed in the ring, shadow-boxed, skipped rope, and hit the heavybag. When the captain saw that, he said, 'Take him.' Right then, I knew things were coming together for me."

Rademacher had a master plan: to use the Olympics to achieve his desired goal, a heavyweight title shot in his first professional start. The timing was perfect: Rademacher's gold medal bout, a first-round stoppage of Russia's Lev Moukhine, was held on the same night as the fight for the vacant professional heavyweight title between

Floyd Patterson and Archie Moore. Rademacher wanted to make his intentions known to the world a few days after he won the gold medal, but he was stopped by a phone call from his trainer, George Chemeris in Seattle.

"Don't make any announcement, Pete," said Chemeris.

"But you know my next fight is going to be for the heavyweight title."

"Look, it's my nickel," the trainer shot back. "It cost me a lot of money to call you, so let me talk. Don't make a fool of yourself. Come back and we'll talk about what we'll do next."

"You know what I'm going to do next."

"They'll put you in jail."

Although the fight itself was considered a joke, Rademacher felt he had cogent reasons for taking the chance.

"If Patterson beats Moore, Patterson's a young punk kid. If Moore wins, he's an old man," he said. "I thought I could handle myself with either one because, mechanically, I knew as much as all of them. But physically, I wasn't prepared."

Rademacher sought out established boxing figures such as Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Jack Dempsey, and Al Weill. Their conclusions were identical: "You can't do it."

But when Rademacher talked to Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager, the reaction was different.

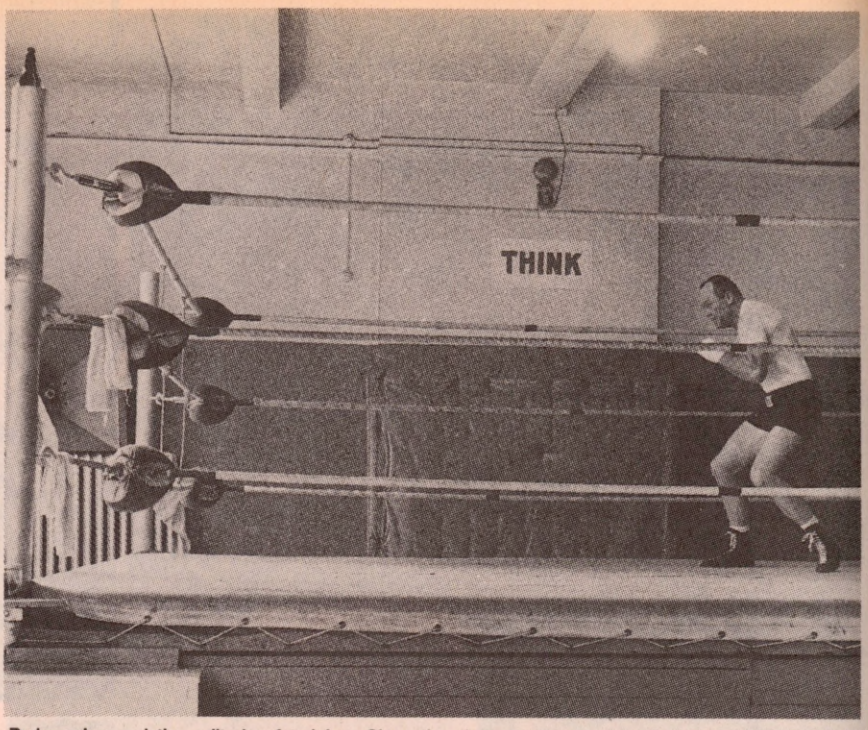
"Cus felt my shoulders," Rademacher recalled, "looked me in the eye, and said, 'I know your record. Anyone who can flatten three guys in the Olympics has got to be a threat to anybody. You might hit Floyd on the chin and he'll get knocked out. But you're going to be ridiculed. *I'm* going to be ridiculed. They'll put both of us in jail.'

"Then he added, 'Have you got any money?'

"I said I would guarantee Floyd $150,000 for a shot at the title and that we should hold the fight in Seattle, because that was the only place in the United States that would allow it. Cus said, 'The ridicule will be big. Give me $250,000 and you got a deal, should Floyd beat Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson. I also want $100,000 in escrow that says that if you win, we get the first shot at your title.' So we signed a contract."

Patterson said he accepted the fight without trepidation.

"I would never turn my back on something like that," he said in a recent telephone interview. "I'm asked to fight an amateur for $200,000, which was a whole lot of money back then. I



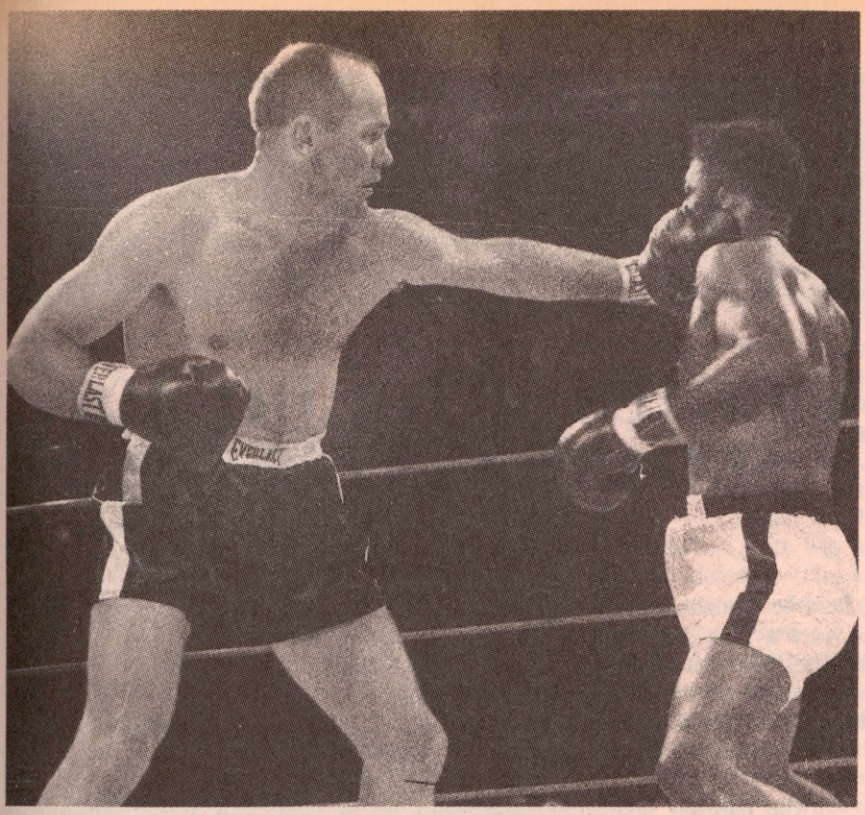
Rademacher and the solitude of training. Given the circumstances surrounding Rademacher's boxing and business careers, the sign against the gymnasium wall is particularly fitting. Rademacher's master plan, winning the heavyweight title in his first pro bout, was unique.

Pete Rademacher's Career Highlights

Had Pete Rademacher dethroned Floyd Patterson in 1957, he says he would have retired from the ring. But he lost that fight, and went on to campaign as an unexceptional heavyweight until 1962. Other fights of note during his career:

- **Zora Folley, KO by 4, July 25, 1958:** After losing to the champion, Rademacher returned to face the top contender. He had split two amateur bouts with Folley, but was no match in this nationally televised Los Angeles bout. Rademacher fought defensively, and Folley score four knockdowns. Ed Comerford of *Newsday* wrote of Rademacher, "TV fans who saw him . . . last night are convinced that he's still an amateur, and he'd better quit while he's a live one."
- **Brian London, KO by 7, April 26, 1960:** After winning seven straight, Rademacher met England's London, a loser of three straight, in a crossroads match at the indoor Wembley Stadium in London. London dominated throughout, scoring two knockdowns in the sixth, and finishing Rademacher with a hook to the body early in the seventh.
- **Lamar Clark, KO 10, June 29, 1960:** In the chief support to the Gene Fullmer-Carmen Basilio middleweight title bout, Rademacher issued a brutal beating to future-Muhammad Ali opponent Clark, a local heavyweight with a puncher's reputation. Clark fell twice in round one, but managed to survive until only 23 seconds remained in the final round.
- **Doug Jones, KO by 5, April 29, 1961:** Unbeaten light heavyweight prospect Jones (18-0), one year away from an unsuccessful bid for Harold Johnson's 175-pound crown, fattened his record by pummeling Rademacher in the fourth and fifth rounds. Jones' final punch ripped open Rademacher's left ear, which took eight stitches to close. "I'm a commodity," Rademacher said after the fight. "As long as there are towns that want to pay to see Peter Rademacher fight, Peter Rademacher will oblige those towns."
- **Bobo Olson, W 10, April 3, 1962:** In his last pro effort, Rademacher easily outpointed the 181-pound former middleweight champion over 10 rounds at Honolulu Stadium. Rademacher scored repeatedly with his left and almost dropped Olson with a right to the body in round nine.

—Steve Farhood



Second round action of the Patterson-Rademacher heavyweight title fight in Seattle: Rademacher scores with a heavy left just before registering a knockdown. The challenger won the first round and dropped Floyd in the second, but then flattened out and fell seven times before being stopped.

was criticized for it, but the bank where I put the $250,000 didn't criticize me."

Rademacher consumed a lot of energy selling the fight to the press and public. Every day at his training camp in Columbus, Georgia, he spent 35 minutes talking to the press, and the press, in turn, printed Rademacher's claims of superiority over the heavyweight titlist. All the while, Albert Rosellini, then-Governor of Washington, was being swamped with letters protesting the matchup.

"I learned to handle the press by picking up the stuff the old-time guys used," Rademacher said. "I turned them around and had them thinking I could win."

Strangely enough, Rademacher, then 27, felt no nervousness when he finally stepped into the ring before 16,961 curious fans at Seattle's Sicks Stadium.

"It was almost anti-climactic because I had been waiting 11 months for this fight to happen," Rademacher, who earned no money for the bout, recalled. "Making the fight was such a longshot, and for the first time in my life, I didn't have butterflies. It *was* there. The real battle was putting the fight together."

Rademacher's dream almost came true when he won round one and then knocked Patterson down with a right hand for a brief count in the second. For an instant, Rademacher thought he had achieved the impossible.

"I thought he was down for good," Rademacher said. "I was screaming to myself, 'Boy! We're there! We're there!' I was prancing around the ring, showing everyone who the new champion was. Then here's the guy standing there, ready to go, and I thought, *uh-oh,* because I knew I couldn't go 15 rounds."

"He came out so fast," recalled Patterson, "and I never realized he could punch that hard. I thought, I don't believe it. *The guy can punch, so I better start putting pressure on him and get rid of him.* I wasn't scared, but I was nervous and I was hurt."

Starting in round three, the fight turned, with Patterson dominating. After suffering a total of seven knockdowns, Rademacher was counted out in round six by referee Tommy Loughran. At the postfight press conference, Rademacher brought up the possibility of a rematch, but that idea was quickly shot down.

True to form, had he flattened Patterson for the count in the second round, Rademacher would have utilized the title in a vastly different way.

"I talked some friends in Georgia into financing this fight for me to start a youth-oriented company," Rademacher said. "I told them that after I won the Olympics, if I could get a fight with Patterson and knock him out, we could get all the publicity we needed.

"If I had won, I never would have fought again. We would've taken this thing right up to the point where they would've stripped me and I would've retired. In the meantime, we would've gotten so much ink out of this thing that it would've gotten our youth program what it needed. When I lost, all that went down the tubes."

Rademacher will always be linked to Patterson, but there's an intriguing and little-known fact about their relationship: Rademacher almost got his conquerer a position at an insurance company.

"After Patterson beat Terry Daniels in Cleveland in 1971," Rademacher said, "I stopped by his dressing room and we had a nice chat about life in general. I asked him to have breakfast with me the next morning, and he accepted.

"He said, 'We fought, you had a nice career, and now you're the president of a company. How the hell did you get there, and how can I get into business? Every time I get into business, someone tells me with *your money* we can do a job. You're not talking that way.'

"I told him I knew of a company that may want him as an employee, and he said that if a position like that opened up, he would come immediately."

About nine months later, Patterson was in Medina, Ohio, sitting in the offices of the Westfield Insurance Company. But the deal fell through just before Patterson was to travel to Massachusetts for job training.

"I never had much confidence in it, and I pulled out," Patterson said.

A man of diverse accomplishments, Rademacher remains known primarily for his famous bout with Patterson. But he doesn't seem to mind.

"Whenever I'm introduced as the man who challenged Floyd Patterson for the title in his first pro fight, that's fine," he said. "The company presidency, that's fun. I try to weave all this stuff together in a nice easy way to make an impact. If I'm here today, I try to leave the impression as an ordinary guy."

Pete Rademacher may be a lot of things, but ordinary is not one of them. □

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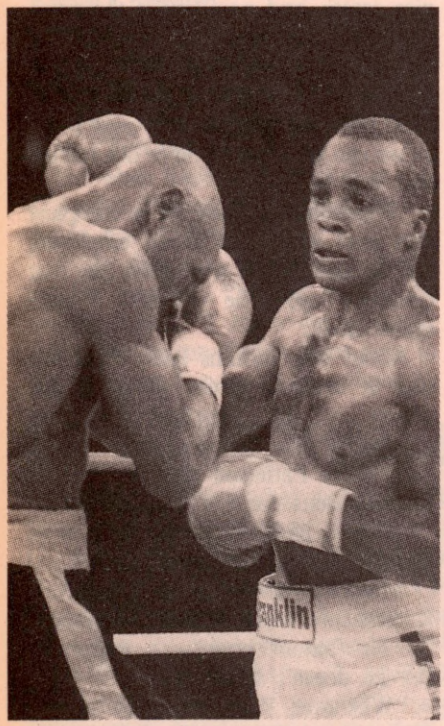
FIGHTER OF THE DECADE: SUGAR RAY LEONARD

If Ray Leonard were an entrepreneur, he'd be Donald Trump, not Lee Iacocca. If he were a talk-show host, he'd be Arsenio Hall, not Johnny Carson. If he were a rock star, he'd be Prince, not James Brown.

Ray Leonard, you see, is a fighter for the '80s, just as Muhammad Ali was a fighter for the '60s.

But Leonard was much more than a boxing symbol. He was a champion of immense presence, talent, and accomplishment. As we went to press, Leonard was scheduled to face Roberto Duran in Las Vegas on December 7. It will be only Sugar Ray's 12th fight of the decade. Never before has a fighter accepted so many curtain calls for so few performances.



Leonard shocks the invincible Hagler

The parallels between Leonard and Ali are few. But at the start of the respective decades that each dominated, both lost fights that forever changed the public perception of their makeup. Entering his third bout of the '70s, Ali was 31-0 and primed for the biggest bout in history, a showdown with undefeated heavyweight king Joe Frazier. Until that point, he had tamed almost all of his foes with a speed and style that had never been witnessed before. But in losing a 15-rounder to Frazier, Ali exuded a resiliency and courage that overshadowed even his talents. In defeat, he won over his harshest critics.

Entering his second bout of the '80s, Leonard was 27-0 and focused for his most threatening foe, the demonic Roberto Duran. Like Ali, Leonard had first dazzled the international audience at the Olympic Games, and then sped past an assortment of slow-motion opponents. But against the swarming Duran, Leonard chose to adapt a confrontational style. He failed with honor over 15 furious rounds, losing both his title and his image as a sparkling but soft creation of the star-starved media.

For Leonard, of course, the first of his three bouts with Duran was only the beginning. After breaking Duran's concentration, if not his spirit, in their rematch, he overpowered the underrated Ayub Kalule to win the junior middleweight title, and then conquered Thomas Hearns in a welterweight unification showdown that would affect both fighters for the rest of the '80s.

In the middle of the decade, Leonard kept those cards and letters coming by saying goodbye and hello, then goodbye and hello again, and then goodbye and hello once more. He retired in 1982 because of a detached retina, came back in 1984 against Kevin Howard and suffered the first knockdown of his career, retired again, came back in 1987 and reached a new level with his unlikely points win over supreme middleweight champion Marvin Hagler, retired, and then came back in 1988 to conquer Don Lalonde and two more divisions, super middleweight and light heavyweight.

Leonard's most recent bout, the draw with Hearns, was a graphic display of his mortality, but also an advertisement for the entertainment value of the fledgling Seniors Tour. Without the reflexes of their youth, faded champions like Leonard, Hearns, and Duran were more likely to engage in crowd-pleasing brawls. They are living past their time. And getting paid handsomely for it.

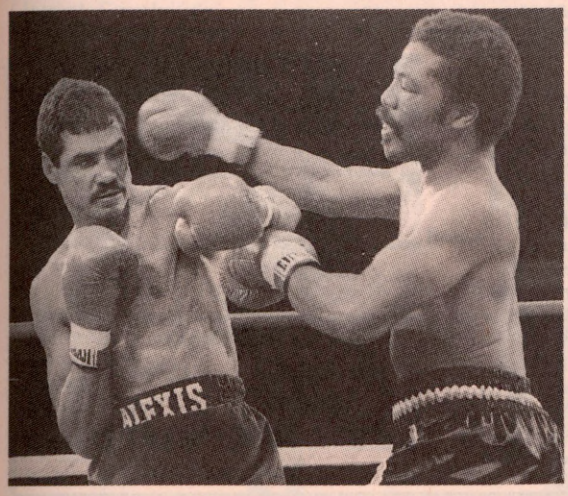
As the decade closes, Leonard's image suffers, at least in the eyes of the hard-core boxing fans. They resent that Leonard fights when he wants, against whom he wants, at whatever weight he wants, and for whatever title he wants. His first and third superfights with Duran bracketed the decade, and as the '90s arrive, black hat or white, he continues to command the spotlight.

Ray Leonard was a fighter for the '80s. And history, we're sure, will place him on even ground with the fighters of the ages.

FIGHT OF THE DECADE: PRYOR KO 14 ARGUELLO

The Fight of the Decade, on November 12, 1982, at the Orange Bowl in Miami, contained the same storylines that make any great fight, or any fight great: Table stakes. Herculean efforts. Swaying momentum. The constant threat of a one-shot knockout. Hundreds of punches. And a spectacularly violent and conclusive ending.

But with Aaron Pryor and Alexis Arguello, it wasn't just how the fighters fought. It was who the fighters were.



Arguello and Pryor made war for 14 rounds

Pryor was the defending WBA junior welterweight champion, a mercurial 27-year-old titlist thrust into the role of underdog, if not challenger. His had been a long and hard struggle for exposure and acceptance, and, indeed, it was his desperation, more than anything else, that ultimately led to victory. Arguello's place was already secure. But, as it would turn out, the undefeated "Hawk" would swoop into the warming light of greatness and then slowly self-destruct. This was a moment he might have died for.

In contrast, the 30-year-old Arguello was established, and had just begun to make the difficult crossover from Latin superstar to hero who transcends the ring. Having started as a painfully skinny featherweight, he was seeking his fourth world title, a feat never before accomplished, not even by Sugar Ray Robinson or Henry Armstrong or Barney Ross.

The magic of the moment was not lost on promoter Bob Arum, who called the 69-year-old Armstrong into the ring before the fighters' entrances. As the legendary triple-crown champion shook hands with Eusebio Pedroza and Gerry Cooney and Davey Moore, Arguello began his march. Then, suddenly, the sky exploded in a fireworks display that, given what was about to transpire, was wonderfully fitting.

From the moment he climbed through the ropes until the opening bell, Pryor affixed a demonic stare on Arguello. If it were self-hypnosis that the champion sought, his method was successful. The first two rounds were contested at the kind of frenetic pace that Pryor relished. In all, he would fire 1,252 punches in 40 minutes of war.

In the third, fourth, and fifth rounds, Pryor employed a strategy that led to a slim points lead. Decreasing his forward progress, but never his motion or punch volume, he introduced an annoyingly effective jab-and-counterpunch style. Moreover, he established that he could accept Arguello's vaunted powerpunches, draining hooks to the body and textbook crosses that caromed harmlessly off his chin. Arguello's rights, according to Bill Miller, the challenger's manager, "would have decapitated anybody else."

Pryor's punches had a more visual effect, however. In the sixth, Arguello suffered a cut at the corner of his left eyebrow that would later take 30 stitches. And in the 10th, his head snapped back from the effects of Pryor's double jabs.

Arguello, slightly behind on two of the three cards, rallied for one final time in the 13th, the same round in which he had twice conquered archrival Alfredo Escalera. But Pryor continued to thrive on the up-tempo and ignored one last booming right, the best blow of the night. He had established his will, and he would not be knocked out.

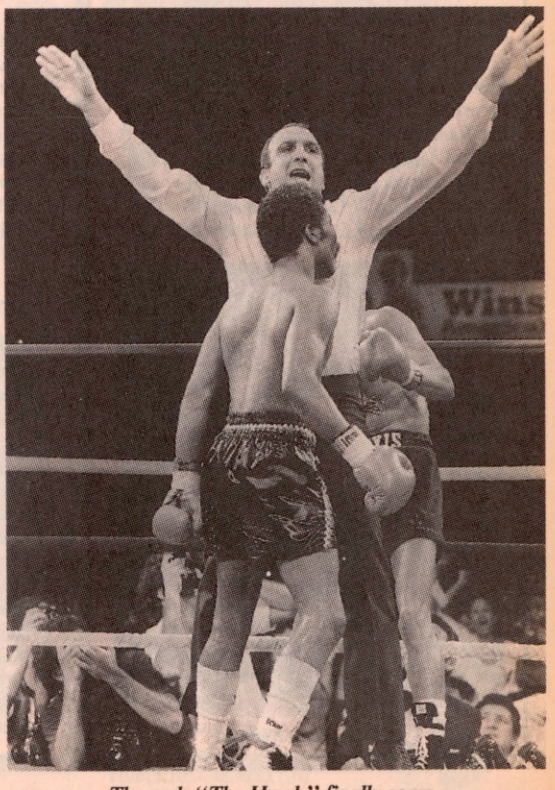
In the fateful 14th, an overhand right and then a six-punch combination drove Arguello into the ropes. Pryor added 22 unanswered punches, and as the challenger slumped to the canvas, his eyes lifeless and his muscles limp, referee Stanley Christodoulou stepped in to save him.

At last, it was "Hawk Time."

It was Eddie Futch, Arguello's trainer, who managed to place The Fight of the Decade in its proper historical perspective.

"Not since Manila," he said.

And now, in the '90s, after a particularly memorable fight, we'll be able to say, "Not since Miami."



The end: "The Hawk" finally soars

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LISTS

In the '80s, each of the 16 weight classes considered below offered delectable and precious highlights. Here, then, is The Ring's division-by-division review.

Division key: h—heavyweight; c—cruiserweight; lh—light heavyweight; sm—super middleweight; m—middleweight; jm—junior middleweight; w—welterweight; jw—junior welterweight; l—lightweight; jl—junior lightweight; f—featherweight; jf—junior featherweight; b—bantamweight; jb—junior bantamweight; fl—flyweight; jfl—junior flyweight

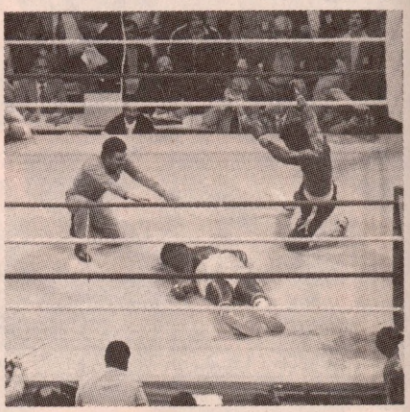
BEST FIGHTER

Larry Holmes (h)
Evander Holyfield (c)
Michael Spinks (lh)
Chongpal Park (sm)
Marvin Hagler (m)
Mike McCallum (jm)
Ray Leonard (w)
Aaron Pryor (jw)
Edwin Rosario (l)
Julio Cesar Chavez (jl)
Eusebio Pedroza (f)
Wilfredo Gomez (jf)
Jeff Chandler (b)
Gilberto Roman (jb)
Santos Laciar (fl)
Jung Koo Chang (jfl)

Holmes

BEST KO

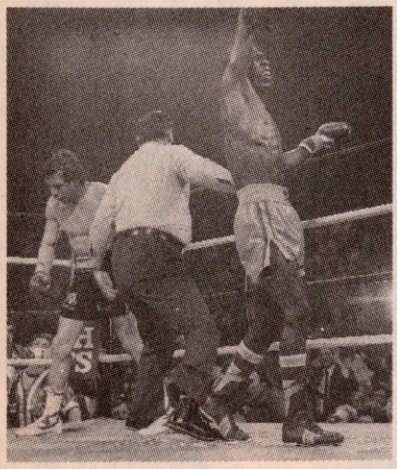
Mike Weaver KO 15 John Tate (h)
Lee Roy Murphy KO 12 Chisanda Mutti (c)
Michael Spinks KO 4 Marvin Johnson (lh)
Ray Leonard KO 9 Don Lalonde (sm)
Iran Barkley KO 3 Thomas Hearns (m)
Wilfred Benitez KO 12 Maurice Hope (jm)
Thomas Hearns KO 2 Pipino Cuevas (w)
Alexis Arguello KO 4 Billy Costello (jw)
Edwin Rosario KO 2 Livingstone Bramble (l)
Rocky Lockridge KO 1 Roger Mayweather (jl)
Calvin Grove KO 4 Tonito Rivera (f)
Juan Meza KO 1 Jaime Garza (jf)
Gaby Canizales KO 7 Richard Sandoval (b)
Chul Ho Kim KO 8 Koki Ishii (jb)
Prudencio Cardona KO 1 Antonio Avelar (fl)
Amado Ursua KO 2 Hilario Zapata (jfl)



Weaver shocks Tate

BIGGEST UPSET

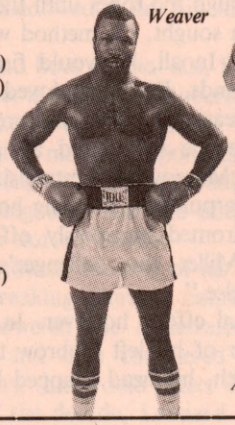
Michael Spinks W 15 Larry Holmes (h)
S T Gordon KO 2 Carlos DeLeon (c)
Jerry Martin W 10 James Scott (lh)
In Chul Baek KO 11 Fulgencio Obelmejias (sm)
Ray Leonard W 12 Marvin Hagler (m)
Rene Jacquot W 12 Donald Curry (jm)
Lloyd Honeyghan KO 6 Donald Curry (w)
Gene Hatcher KO 11 Johnny Bumphus (jw)
Livingstone Bramble KO 14 Ray Mancini (l)
Yasutsune Uehara KO 6 Sammy Serrano (jl)
Steve Cruz W 15 Barry McGuigan (f)
Leo Randolph KO 15 Ricardo Cardona (jf)
Richard Sandoval KO 15 Jeff Chandler (b)
Rafael Pedroza W 15 Gustavo Ballas (jb)
Yong Kang Kim W 12 Sot Chitalada (fl)
Francisco Quiroz KO 9 Lupe Madera (jfl)



Bramble kayos Mancini

MOST UNDERRATED

Mike Weaver (h)
Rickey Parkey (c)
Marvin Johnson (lh)
Chongpal Park (sm)
Herol Graham (m)
Ayub Kalule (jm)
Marlon Starling (w)
Juan Coggi (jw)
Frankie Randall (l)
Brian Mitchell (jl)
Ki Yung Chung (f)
Seung Hoon Lee (jf)
Freddie Jackson (b)
Chul Ho Kim (jb)
Sin Hi Sup (fl)
Hwan Jin Kim (jfl)



Weaver

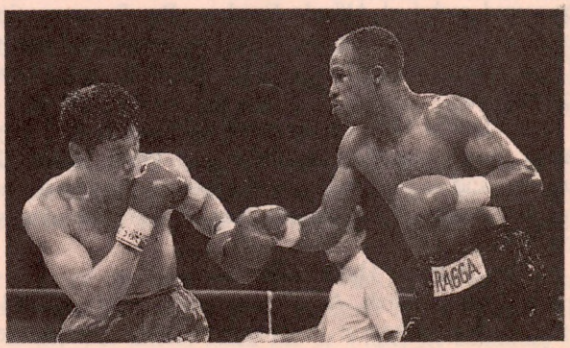
Arguello

BEST PUNCHER

Mike Tyson (h)
Lee Roy Murphy (c)
Michael Spinks (lh)
Don Lee (sm)
John Mugabi (m)
Julian Jackson (jm)
Thomas Hearns (w)
Roger Mayweather (jw)
Edwin Rosario (l)
Alexis Arguello (jl)
Antonio Esparragoza (f)
Jaime Garza (jf)
Jeff Fenech (b)
Kaosai Galaxy (jb)
Taek Shik Kim (fl)
Humberto Gonzalez (jfl)

MOST FOR YOUR MONEY

Mike Tyson (h)
Rickey Parkey (c)
Marvin Johnson (lh)
In Chul Baek (sm)
Frank Fletcher (m)
Davey Moore (jm)
Lloyd Honeyghan (w)
Frankie Warren (jw)
Robin Blake (l)
Tommy Cordova (jl)
Barry McGuigan (f)
Jaime Garza (jf)
Kelvin Seabrooks (b)
Jiro Watanabe (jb)
Charlie Magri (fl)
German Torres (jfl)



Honeyghan brawls with Yungkil Chung

BEST CHIN

Bonecrusher Smith (h)
Evander Holyfield (c)
Michael Spinks (lh)
Chongpal Park (sm)
Mustafa Hamsho (m)
Lupe Aquino (jm)
Ray Leonard (w)
Saoul Mamby (jw)
Edwin Rosario (l)
Bazooka Limon (jl)
Juan LaPorte (f)
Daniel Zaragoza (jf)
Jeff Fenech (b)
Kaosai Galaxy (jb)
Santos Laciar (fl)
Humberto Gonzalez (jfl)

Limon survives against Bobby Chacon

MOST UNLIKELY CHAMP

Michael Spinks (h)
Bernard Benton (c)
Jeff Harding (lh)
Murray Sutherland (sm)
Roberto Duran (m)
Rene Jacquot (jm)
Jorge Vaca (w)
Bruce Curry (jw)
Art Frias (l)
Yasutsune Uehara (jl)
Steve Cruz (f)
Fabrice Benichou (jf)
Satoshi Shingaki (b)
Rafael Pedroza (jb)
Frank Cedeno (fl)
Francisco Quiroz (jfl)

Frias

BEST NEVER TO WIN TITLE

Carl Williams (h)
Jesse Burnett (c)
James Scott (lh)
Lindell Holmes (sm)
Mustafa Hamsho (m)
Tony Ayala Jr. (jm)
Colin Jones (w)
Ronnie Shields (jw)
Tyrone Crawley (l)
Mario Martinez (jl)
Ruben Castillo (f)
Mike Ayala (jf)
Albert Sandoval (b)
Willie Jensen (jb)
Javier Lucas (fl)
Isidro Perez (jfl)

Crawley

Ramos

BIGGEST BUST

Gerry Cooney (h)
Henry Tillman (c)
Poncho Carter (lh)
Vincent Boulware (sm)
Alex Ramos (m)
Charlie Weir (jm)
Shawn O'Sullivan (w)
Hector Camacho (jw)
Gato Gonzalez (l)
John Verderosa (jl)
Mario Miranda (f)
Jesse Benavides (jf)
Steve McCrory (b)
Gustavo Ballas (jb)
Paul Gonzales (fl)
German Torres (jfl)

BEST FIGHT NEVER MADE

Mike Weaver-Gerry Cooney (h)
Evander Holyfield-Michael Spinks (c)
James Scott-Matthew Saad Muhammad (lh)
In Chul Baek-Don Lalonde (sm)
Michael Nunn-Ray Leonard (m)
Tony Ayala Jr.-Davey Moore (jm)
Ray Leonard-Pipino Cuevas (w)
Aaron Pryor-Saoul Mamby (jw)
Hector Camacho-Ray Mancini (l)
Hector Camacho-Roger Mayweather (jl)
Salvador Sanchez-Eusebio Pedroza (f)
Wilfredo Gomez-Jaime Garza (jf)
Lupe Pintor-Jeff Chandler (b)
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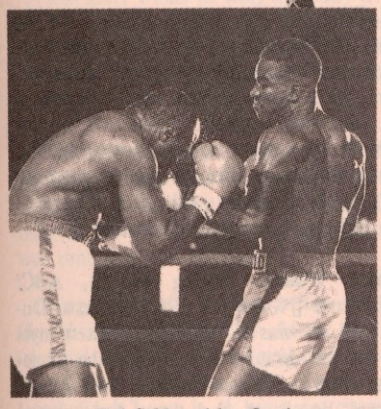
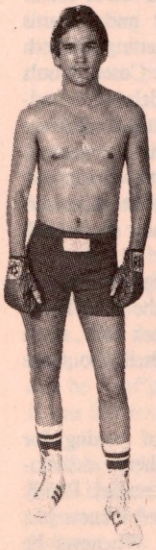


Holyfield punishes Qawi

BEST FIGHT

Evander Holyfield KO 10 Michael Dokes (h)
Evander Holyfield W 15 Dwight Muhammad Qawi (c)
Jeff Harding KO 12 Dennis Andries (lh)
Ray Leonard D 12 Thomas Hearns (sm)
Marvin Hagler KO 3 Thomas Hearns (m)
Carlos Santos W 15 Mark Medal (jm)
Ray Leonard KO 14 Thomas Hearns (w)
Aaron Pryor KO 14 Alexis Arguello (jw)
Alexis Arguello KO 14 Ray Mancini (l)
Bobby Chacon W 15 Bazooka Limon (jl)
Salvador Sanchez KO 15 Azumah Nelson (f)
Wilfredo Gomez KO 14 Lupe Pintor (jf)
Orlando Canizales KO 15 Kelvin Seabrooks (b)
Jiro Watanabe W 12 Payao Poontarat (jb)
Fidel Bassa KO 13 Dave McAuley (fl)
Jung Koo Chang W 12 German Torres II (jfl)



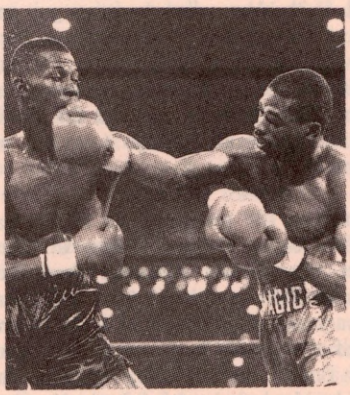
O'Grady

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME

Marvis Frazier (h)
Leon Spinks (c)
Eddie Davis (lh)
Fulgencio Obelmejias (m)
David Braxton (jm)
Sean O'Grady (w)
Steve Hearon (jw)
Bobby Chacon (l)
Mario Martinez (jl)
Rocky Lockridge (f)
Mike Ayala (jf)
Frankie Duarte (b)
Seung Hoon Lee (jb)
Betulio Gonzalez (fl)
Netrnoi Vorasingh (jfl)

WORST DECISION

Renaldo Snipes W 10 Gerrie Coetzee (h)
Ossie Ocasio W 10 Dwight Muhammad Qawi (c)
Eddie Mustafa Muhammad W 10 Rickey Parkey (lh)
Chongpal Park W 15 Lindell Holmes (sm)
Mustafa Hamsho W 10 Curtis Parker I (m)
No selection (jm)
Marlon Starling D 12 Mark Breland (w)
Bruce Curry W 12 Leroy Haley (jw)
Jose Luis Ramirez W 12 Pernell Whitaker (l)
Wilfredo Gomez W 15 Rocky Lockridge (jl)
Eusebio Pedroza W 15 Rocky Lockridge I (f)
Daniel Zaragoza D 12 Seung Hoon Lee (jf)
Bernardo Pinango W 15 Frankie Duarte (b)
Rafael Orono D 15 Willie Jensen (jb)
Luis Ibarra W 15 Santos Laciar (fl)
Katsuo Tokashiki W 12 Lupe Madera (jfl)



Starling and Breland draw

STAR OF THE '90s

Riddick Bowe (h)
Nate Miller (c)
Andrew Maynard (lh)
Frank Tate (sm)
Roy Jones (m)
Chris Pyatt (jm)
Charles Murray (w)
Meldrick Taylor (jw)
Fabian Tejeda (l)
Ricardo Cepeda (jl)
Richard Duran (f)
Jesus Salud (jf)
Raul Perez (b)
Nana Konadu (jb)
Michael Carbajal (fl)
Humberto Gonzalez (jfl)

Tate

GREAT FIGHTERS

THE '80s

GREAT FIGHTS

MEMORIES

WE ASKED DOZENS of prominent boxing people to share their most striking or outstanding personal fistic memories of the '80s. The responses revealed much about the decade, and, in some cases, much about those we interviewed as well.

Randy Gordon, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission: "It was the first Leonard-Hearns fight in 1981. It was about 100 degrees there, and I was soaked and practically hyperventilating. My job was to pass Marv Albert notes on anything of interest I happened to see or catch.

"It's the seventh round, and Hearns picks his right leg up after getting hit with a hook to the body. Howard Cosell, who's calling the fight for ABC's delayed broadcast, starts yelling that Hearns' ribs are broken. Marv says he's going to mention it. I go to Hearns' corner between the seventh and eighth, and Emanuel Steward says Hearns only took a good body shot. I tell Marv not to mention it.

"Once Hearns starts coming back, Cosell makes no more mention of the ribs. Then, when the fight's on TV a week later, there isn't a single mention by Cosell about the ribs. They had edited it out."

Al Braverman, director of boxing for Don King Productions: "There was nobody closer to the late [manager] Paddy Flood than Al Braverman, and I knew just where his boiling point was. Whenever he was in an argument and he started sputtering his words, I knew disaster was coming. Back in 1980, he got into an argument with Russell Peltz in Philadelphia. Russell answered him back all snotty and fresh, and I said to myself, *Oh my God. Here it comes.* All of a sudden Paddy goes after him. He lifts Russell in the air, throws him against the wall, and begins choking him. I jumped between them and broke it up.

"Afterward, Paddy says to me, 'Al, I just couldn't talk no more.' And I said, 'I know, I know. That used to happen with me with [matchmaker] Teddy Brenner.' "

Reggie Gutteridge, British boxing writer and TV commentator: "Recently, Muhammad Ali was en route to Pakistan for a sports festival, and he stopped over in London for 24 hours. He asked someone how I was doing, and they told him I was in the hospital going on five weeks. They told him where I was, and he came right over to see me. No entourage or anything. He showed up at my door, came in, shook hands, and sat on my bed. We talked about the old days, when I covered all his fights. Then, after a while, he prayed for my recovery. I'll tell you, this man has a lot of soul."

George Benton, trainer: "I remember when Lou Duva and I took Johnny Bumphus into the ring for his last fight with Lloyd Honeyghan. By that time, Johnny had just about had it as a fighter. His legs were shot and he'd lost his equilibrium. But Lou wanted to get him a final payday before telling him he was through. So, as we approached the ring, I got on one side of Johnny, and Lou was on the other. Johnny could hardly stand up, and we did our best to camouflage it even though he staggered going up the steps. It looked like Johnny was drinking. Damndest thing I ever saw.

"Lou told everyone Johnny lost because he couldn't continue after a low blow. People believed it and we all saved face."

Larry Hazzard, New Jersey State Athletic Commissioner: "As a referee, I used to imagine the craziest possibilities that might occur in the ring. And in 1985, the very scenario I once was thinking about actually occurred during the Chisanda Mutti-Lee Roy Murphy IBF cruiserweight title fight in Monte Carlo. It was a real *Rocky* type of fight. Then, in the 10th round, each fighter simultaneously threw a punch. Mutti fired a left hook and Murphy threw a right hand. Each blow nailed the other guy and down they went. Lo and behold, it happened just as I'd imagined. As I tolled the count over each man, Murphy got up at seven. Then Mutti got up and fell down, and Murphy won by kayo to retain his crown."

Bob Lee, IBF president: "In 1981, I was the New Jersey Deputy Athletic Commissioner when I saw the Gino Perez-Fred Bowman fight in Atlantic City. Fred went into a coma after the fight, and I found myself asking what went wrong, when people at ringside did everything right from the prefight physical, to the fight itself, when the referee stopped the bout, to the postfight physical.

"An ambulance whisked Fred to Somers Point Hospital for a CATscan. And from there he was taken to Atlantic City General Hospital. En route, Dr. Maurice Davidson, a neurosurgeon, rode with him and shaved his head during the ride to save time [before the operation]. Fred would never come out of the coma for 13 months, and he died [on April 16, 1982]. What's also strange about that fight is that within 18 months of his death, John Fitzpatrick, who refereed the fight, passed away, and Gino Perez died in the ring."

Al Certo, manager/trainer: "One time we had a half-assed trainer hanging around Bufano's Gym every day. At some point, he misplaced one of my fighter's gloves, and I went screaming around the gym looking for it. When I found out he'd misplaced it, I called him a stupid bastard.

"And he said, 'What the hell are you yelling about? I only lost one.' "

LeRoy Neiman, artist: "Seeing the ferocity of Mike Tyson during a fight. Here is a man who doesn't mind hurting another man. Sure, Ali punished some opponents, but then he stopped. Even Joe Frazier knew at what point he was hurting another fighter too much. But Tyson just destroys. He's right up there with Jack Dempsey: two fighters bent on destruction."

Alex Wallau, boxing analyst, ABC: "The time [November 1980] Roberto Duran said *no mas* is the single greatest mystery of the decade. It was also the single-most disgraceful surrender. I was in the control booth at the time, but what I thought then is what I think now. I believe Duran quit because he thought he was going to lose and be humiliated further by Ray Leonard. It was nothing physical. His mind just snapped. And what is ironic is that for years he had no quit in him. But when he did quit, he didn't know how to do it. A lot of fighters in the '80s have quit. But they knew how to disguise it. Not Duran."

Aaron Pryor, former WBA junior welterweight champion: "The night when I fought Antonio Cervantes has always stayed with me. Cervantes was a man I moved out of my weight division [lightweight] to fight. He was a legend. And when I beat him for the title, that win carried me for the rest of my career. At one point, I hit him with a solid overhand right, and I could sense he was afraid of

me. Then I moved in and took him out in the fourth."

Michael Spinks, former light heavyweight and heavyweight champion: "I'll always remember the time just before I won the heavyweight championship from Larry Holmes, and how he mocked me and tried to strip me of my dignity. Nevertheless, I remained a gentleman at all times, and didn't get caught up in what he was saying. But I fooled the critics, and handled Larry with pure guts and wits."

Eddie Futch, trainer: "I was in the dressing room before the fight between Michael Spinks and Dwight Qawi. Michael and I had worked hard in perfecting a strategy to counter the devastating moves Qawi was destroying everyone with. We were alone in the dressing room—he was gloved up—and in walks his sister with his two-year-old daughter. His wife had been killed only about two months before.

"His sister walks in with the baby in her arms and Michael went to pieces. He took the child in his gloved hands, pressed her to his chest, turned around, and started to cry. I said to myself, 'There goes our fight.'

"To have this happen minutes before the fight, I felt there was no way we'd be able to snap him out of it in time. He had the baby in his arms when they called that it was time for him to fight."

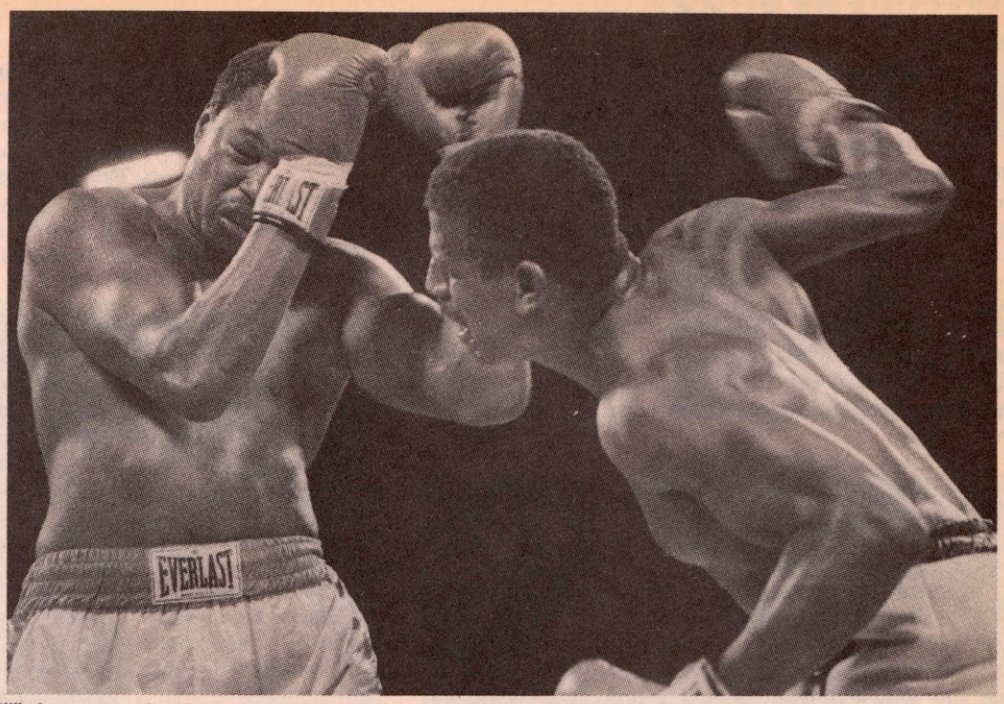
George Kimball, boxing writer, *Boston Herald:* "It was Wembley Arena in 1980 for Hagler-Minter. Minter gets cut, and his own corner stops the fight, though the crowd didn't know it. A huge riot erupts—people had walked into the arena with *cases* of beer. Goody and Pat Petronelli and Robbie Sims and a couple of cops try to protect Marvin. I'm flabbergasted, taking notes. The writers have chairs over their heads and Cosell is under the ring. It took about 30 seconds before I realized that I might be in danger myself. They got Marvin in the dressing room and Vito Antuofermo and myself tried to follow him. Some guy hits Vito on the back, and he turns around and decks him. Eight of the guy's buddies come after us, and we start to run. A bobby was blocking Hagler's door, and Vito says to him, 'If you don't let us in, those guys are gonna kill us.' He let us in."

Rich Rose, president, Caesars World Sports, and former boxing publicist: "November 25, 1980, I'm standing at ringside in New Orleans when Ray Charles sings *America The Beautiful* before Leonard-Duran II. There was a tremendous electricity. It was so moving that I remember watching the delay on ABC three weeks later and getting chills.

"Also, round one of Hagler-Hearns in Las Vegas. I have a stopwatch on my watch, and I remember looking at it three times during the round, thinking the round *had* to be over. That never happened before and hasn't happened since."

Tim Ryan, blow-by-blow announcer, CBS: "On a Friday night in 1982, I worked the Arguello-Pryor fight, one of the fights of the decade. Right after it, we flew to Las Vegas for the Mancini-Kim bout. We flew into such a strong headwind that we were diverted to Albuquerque to refuel. With the time change and the need to do rehearsals in the morning, I got about two hours sleep. I was already tired, and the way the events would unfold absolutely drained me. I had to stay in Las Vegas to report from the hospital the next day, when they were trying to save Kim's life. It was a very sad and difficult thing to do. For me, it was a weekend that showed the highest and lowest points of boxing, a weekend of drama and trauma."

Al Bernstein, boxing analyst, ESPN: "I'll always remember standing in the ring in Buffalo after Livingstone Bramble beat Ray Mancini for the title. It was an emotional night because of the crowd roaring and all the tension between the fighters leading up to the fight. I was getting ready to interview [Mancini's manager] Dave Wolf because Mancini wasn't up to speaking. Just then I looked at Mancini sitting on his stool. He was really badly beaten, and I could suddenly feel the eight million things going through his mind. It was a scene that made a big emotional impact on me. It was pretty powerful."



"I'll always remember the time just before I won the heavyweight championship from Larry Holmes, and how he mocked me and tried to strip me of my dignity," said Michael Spinks, who outpointed Holmes in September 1985. Spinks became the first light heavyweight champion to dethrone a reigning heavyweight king.

Michael Buffer, ring announcer: "It was the night, in June 1983, that Duran fought Davey Moore at Madison Square Garden. It was the first big fight I ever worked, and the crowd was so emotional. Everybody in the world of boxing was there, and just like the old days, I introduced all the old champions. They lined up in the ring and stayed there. The crowd was at a fever pitch, and then, 'Ali! Ali! Ali!' I introduced him and he went down the line, shaking hands. It was like royalty returning to the throne."

Michael Katz, boxing columnist, New York *Daily News* and *The Ring*: "It was Caesars Palace the night Ali lost to Holmes. It's amazing how the man still dominated the decade, even though it wasn't his. It was obviously the end of an era. It wasn't that sad while it was happening, but the emptiness of the whole thing . . . After the fight I was sitting in press row and tears were running down my cheeks. You knew there'd never be another one like him."

Richard Steele, referee: "When the bell rang ending the first round of Hagler-Hearns, I went back to my neutral corner and said to myself, 'What the hell is happening?' I could not believe those guys could come out and fight like that.

"After it was over, I just had to catch my breath. It was only the first round, and

I was more tired than I had been for 12-round fights. And I stay in shape! When the kayo came, I was wringing wet. I just couldn't believe how tired I was."

Larry Holmes, former heavyweight champion: "It was when they jobbed me out of the title in Las Vegas. Michael Spinks can question our first fight, but in the second fight he knows I kicked his butt. When the decision was announced [after the second fight], I expected it. The people who judged that fight didn't have the balls to judge it the right way. I was hoping what I had heard was wrong; that they wanted to prove that I wasn't bigger than boxing.

"There was a lot of pressure on me before the fight, and disappointment after it. Now I accept it. But I'll probably never get over it."

Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, boxing analyst, NBC: "The screwing of Roy Jones in the Olympics. It was the culmination of being in Korea for 30 days. You can count it any way you want to, amateur scoring, professional, from every angle the guy [Jones] was superior. He had done everything exactly right and got screwed in front of the whole world. It was the most one-sided, violent screwing I had ever seen. I remember saying just before the decision, 'They *can't* take it away from him. If the guy doesn't get it, there's something rotten in the state of Korea.' Watching a young man's dream be punctured like that, and there was nothing anyone could do about it."

Angelo Dundee, trainer/manager: "The warmest feeling I ever got was when Peter Jennings picked me as the person of the week on ABC News. It was five, six days after Leonard-Hagler, and they had me in clips saying all these things about the fight that no one had believed. It was nice being part of something people said wouldn't happen."

Larry Merchant, boxing analyst, HBO: "Hemingway once said that you should never get too close to a fighter because in the end he'll break your heart. Well, I can't say Larry Holmes did that, but I had a rooting interest in his evolution because I first met him in Zaire, when he was a sparring partner for Ali, and I had always defended him as being a lot better a champion that most people were willing to concede.

"But a conflict developed when he decided to use the title to avoid the fighters who might give him too much. When I started to comment on that, he took exception. I went to his camp, and we had a confrontation. After one of his next fights, he refused to allow me to interview him.

"But recently, after we ran a highlights of the '80s show on HBO, during which I commented on how professionally he had picked apart Gerry Cooney, he called me and, in effect, apologized. He said that when he thought people were trying to take away what he had worked so hard for, he hadn't always acted the way he would've liked. I thought it was a fitting ending to our relationship over the decade."

Emanuel Steward, manager/trainer: "My most outstanding memory was Hilmer Kenty winning the lightweight championship in March 1980. I went down to Puerto Rico to negotiate with Pepe Cordero, and I paid $150,000 to him to get the fight. When I came back, I realized Hilmer wasn't even rated. But all of a sudden he popped up in the ratings. Then we had to get the money together. [Kronk's] Prentiss Byrd was still in real estate then, and he mortgaged homes and apartment buildings.

"The fight was in Detroit, and after Hearns knocked out Angel Espada on the undercard, the hometown fans were satisfied. Most of them didn't even know who Hilmer was. But Kenty fought like a man possessed. When he stopped Espana in the ninth round, I jumped through the ropes.

Emanuel Steward hugs Hilmer Kenty after his victory over the favored Ernesto Espana.

Only 24 months out of the amateurs, and I had my first world champion. It was the greatest feeling that I remember."

Lee Samuels, publicist: "It was March 1987, twilight, and we were inside the Palm Springs tent where Marvelous Marvin Hagler was greased and oiled and ready for another round of sparring against one of the hotshot Weaver triplets. Just then, the ringside press phone rang and it was my boss, Bob Arum.

"Can Sugar Ray Leonard still fight . . . even a little bit," I asked.

"What's the problem . . . what's wrong . . . tell me," Bob said.

"Richie [Sandoval, Samuels' associate] spotted it first. Marvin just doesn't seem right . . . "

Roberto Duran, WBC middleweight champion: "There were many, many special moments for me during the '80s, but the best was when I took on Ray Leonard for the first time. No one believed I could beat him. Remember, Sugar was then in his prime. But I did it. That was really the best moment for me."

Pat Putnam, senior writer, *Sports Illustrated:* "The night Ray Leonard retired in Baltimore [in 1982]. We had a boxing editor at the magazine who was a real asshole. He's no longer there. This guy wanted me to do a story on Ray and get him to pose for a cover shot. We did it about a week before his public announcement, and it was a hell of an interview. He told me he intended to retire.

"Well, his public announcement was scheduled for a Tuesday night, and our cover was coming out the next morning. A few days before it was to come out, this editor got cold feet. I called Mike Trainer [Leonard's manager] to double-check that Ray was retiring, and now Trainer says Ray is beginning to vacillate. The editor now gets scared and tells everyone at the magazine that this whole story was my idea.

"Well, it's the night of the announcement, and not even Ray knows what he's going to do. It's nip and tuck. I'm standing off in the back, half [drunk], when finally, Ray looks at Marvin Hagler sitting there and says he'll never fight again. Just then, two guys stand up in the crowd near me and yell, 'We still love you, Ray.' I said to them, 'Love him? That SOB just saved my Irish ass!' If it wasn't for Ray Leonard, I'd be driving an 18-wheeler over the Rocky Mountains right now."

Jeff Ryan, *The Ring:* "One small moment alone with Mike Tyson stands out because I think it reveals yet another facet of the most complex boxing personality of the '80s. We were alone, talking in the dressing room of his training camp prior to the Holmes fight, when, smack in the middle of the interview, he suddenly asked me if I would hand him his sweatsocks. The socks were on the floor, just inches from his reach, and I was several feet away. I ignored him, and the conversation continued. It wasn't until much later that it dawned on me that Tyson was no doubt playing a mind game, trying to see if writers were so desperate to talk to him that they'd do anything he requested. He is clearly a man who enjoys the power he wields in many forms."

Steve Farhood, *The Ring:* "It was a Friday night, December 11, 1981, at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Center in Nassau, the Bahamas. I was in press row, and Ali began making his way toward the ring. Bobby Lomax was singing a moving rendition of *America The Beautiful.* Halfway through the song, the chant of 'Ali!' began. Everyone knew this would be the last time. Ali was somber, expressionless. With the crowd standing, I couldn't see him, so I watched his entrance on a TV monitor, which brought a certain detachment from the moment. It was both thrilling and depressing. I've experienced nothing like it since." □

A COLORFUL DECADE

GREAT FIGHTERS

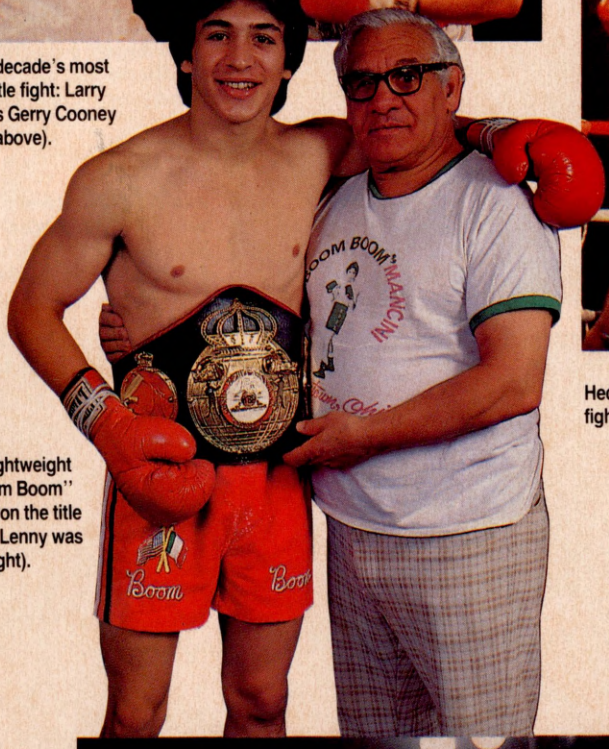
THE '80s

GREAT FIGHTS

There was no more exciting performer than light heavyweight king Matthew Saad Muhammad, pictured below during his 11th-round TKO over Jerry Martin.

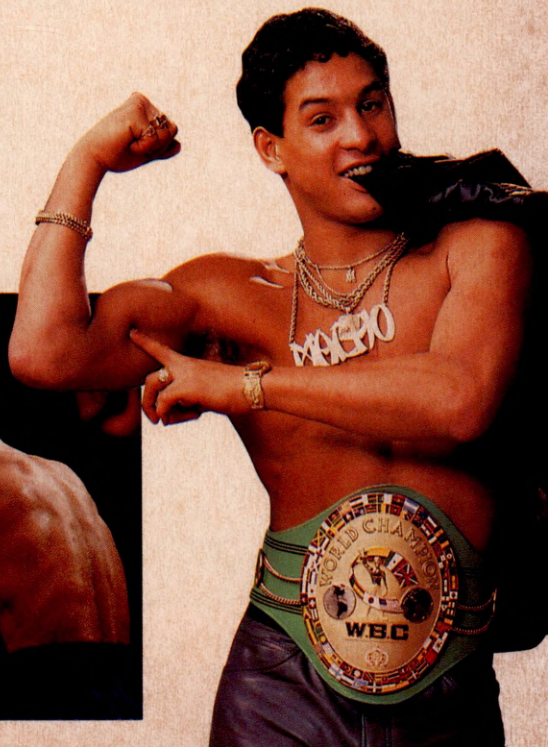
Perhaps the decade's most anticipated title fight: Larry Holmes stops Gerry Cooney in round 13 (above).

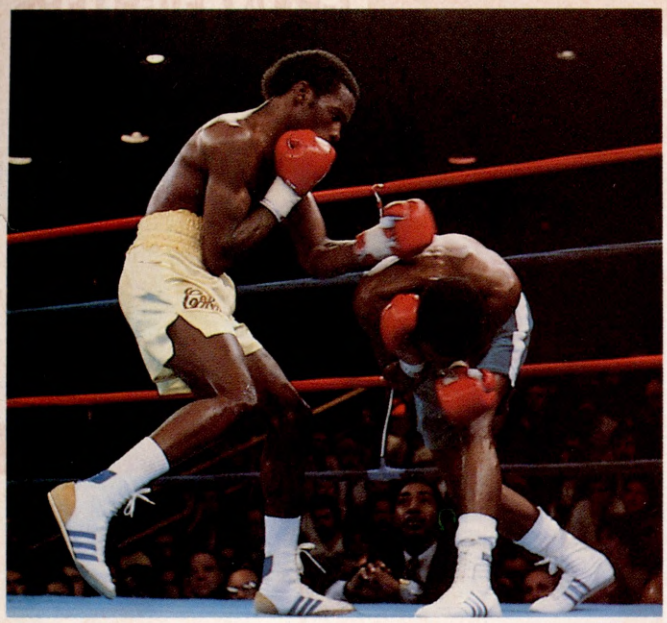
Hector "Macho" Camacho (below) brought black leather and sequins to the fight game. In the '80s, he was unpredictable—and unbeaten.



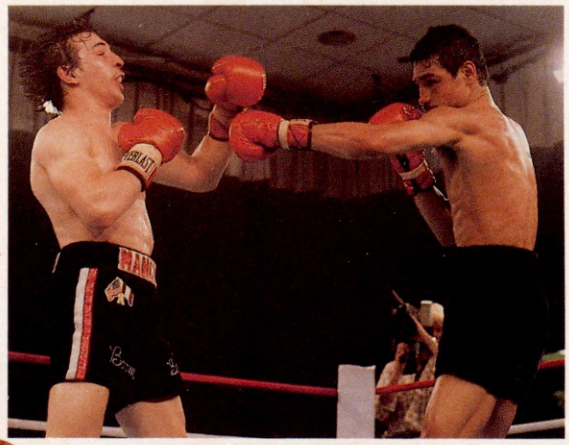
Popular lightweight Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini won the title his father Lenny was denied (right).

In the brutal Fight of the Decade, underdog Aaron Pryor stopped Alexis Arguello in the 14th round (right).





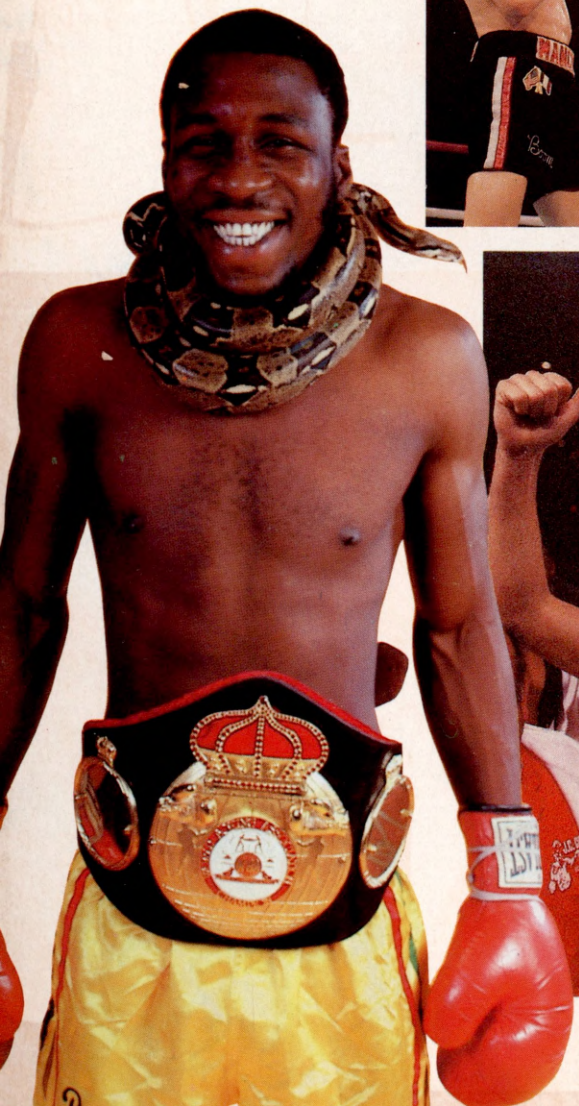
Victories over tough foes like Marlon Starling (above) elevated Donald Curry into boxing's upper echelon. But Curry suffered two stoppage losses and came crashing down.

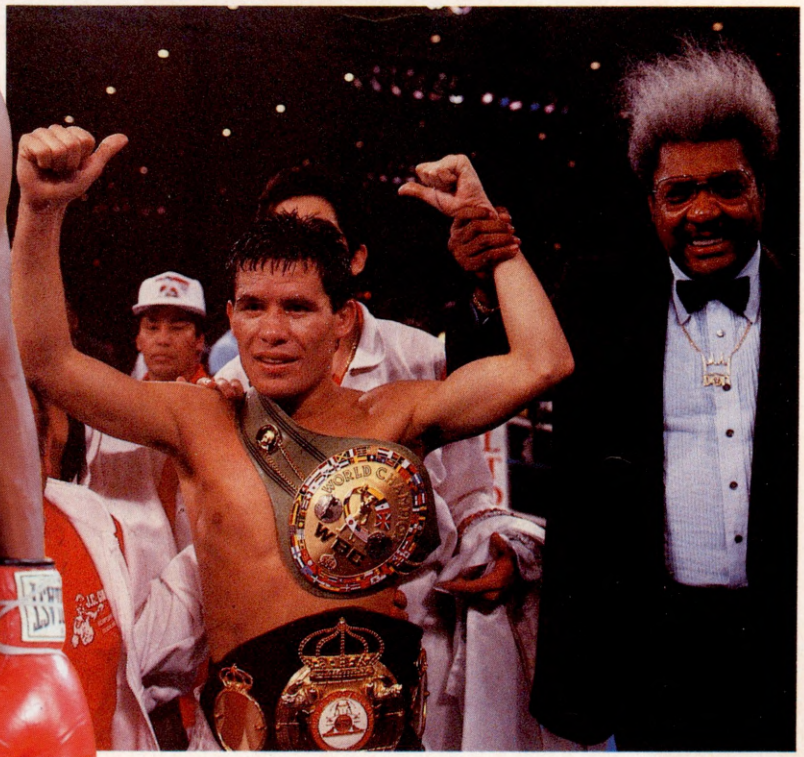


Featherweight king Eusebio Pedroza, pictured above defending against Juan LaPorte, was a dominant titlist over the first half of the '80s.

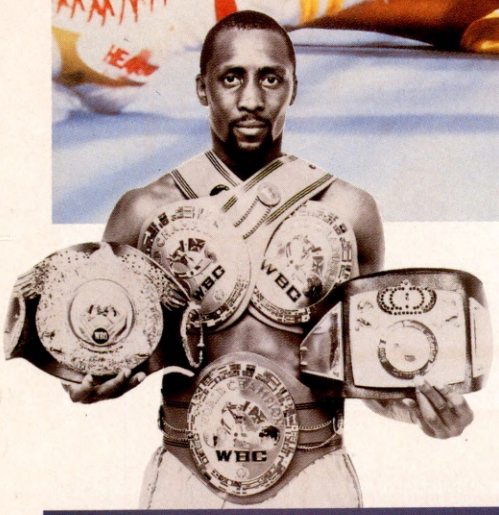
Alexis Arguello proved too tough for Ray Mancini (left), but "Boom Boom" bounced back to win the lightweight title.

Julio Cesar Chavez (below, with promoter Don King) boasts of the record (65-0) and championship belts to merit consideration for the title of boxing's best fighter.

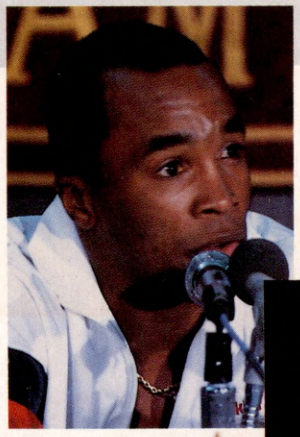




Rastafarian Livingstone Bramble reigned briefly as lightweight champion but left a lasting fashion statement with his original turtlenecks (left).

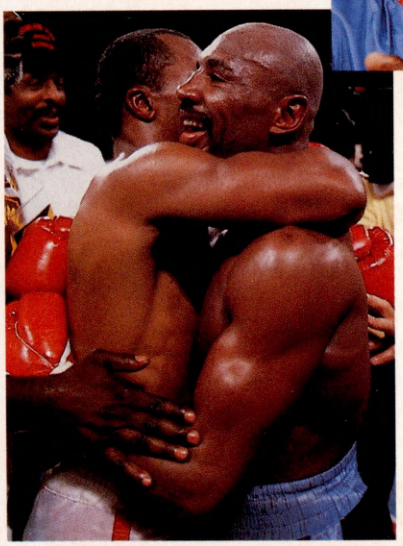


Thomas Hearns experienced more highs (five world titles, pictured left) and lows (a kayo defeat to Marvin Hagler, pictured above) than any other fighter of the '80s.



Sugar Ray Leonard (left) dared challenge middleweight king Marvin Hagler.

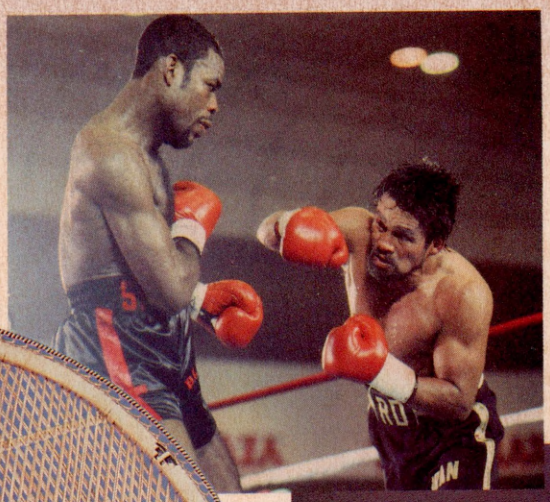
Hagler (right) eagerly accepted the challenge, and the war of superstars was set.



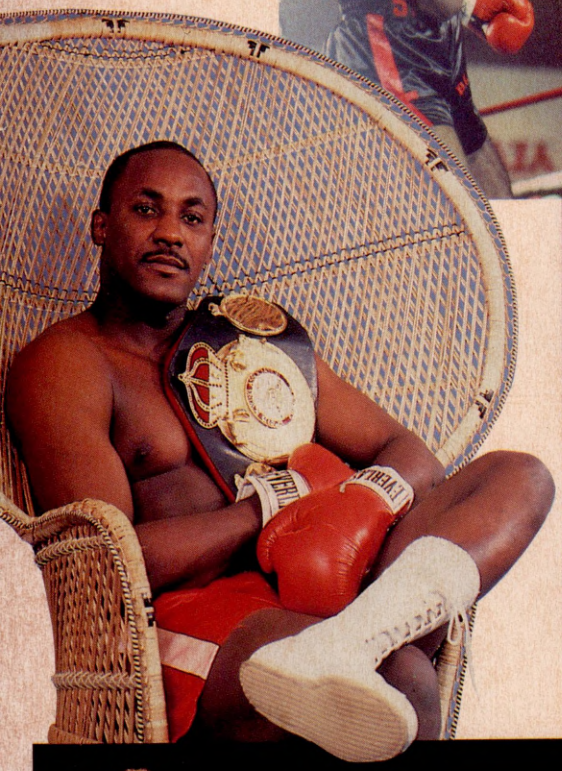
After 12 rounds, Hagler was smiling, but only on the outside. Leonard had scored the most improbable of upsets.

A quintet of medalists from the record-setting United States Olympic boxing team of 1984: from left, Tyrell Biggs, Meldrick Taylor, Mark Breland, Pernell Whitaker, and Evander Holyfield.

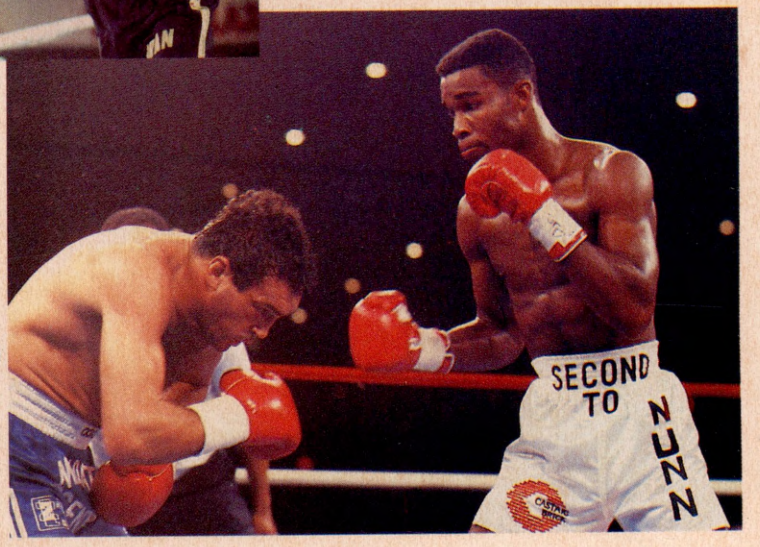
Among the decade's biggest upsets and best fights was Roberto Duran's inspired decision over defending middleweight champion Iran Barkley (left).



Mike McCallum is comfortable with a title belt (below). He was a champion for most of the decade.



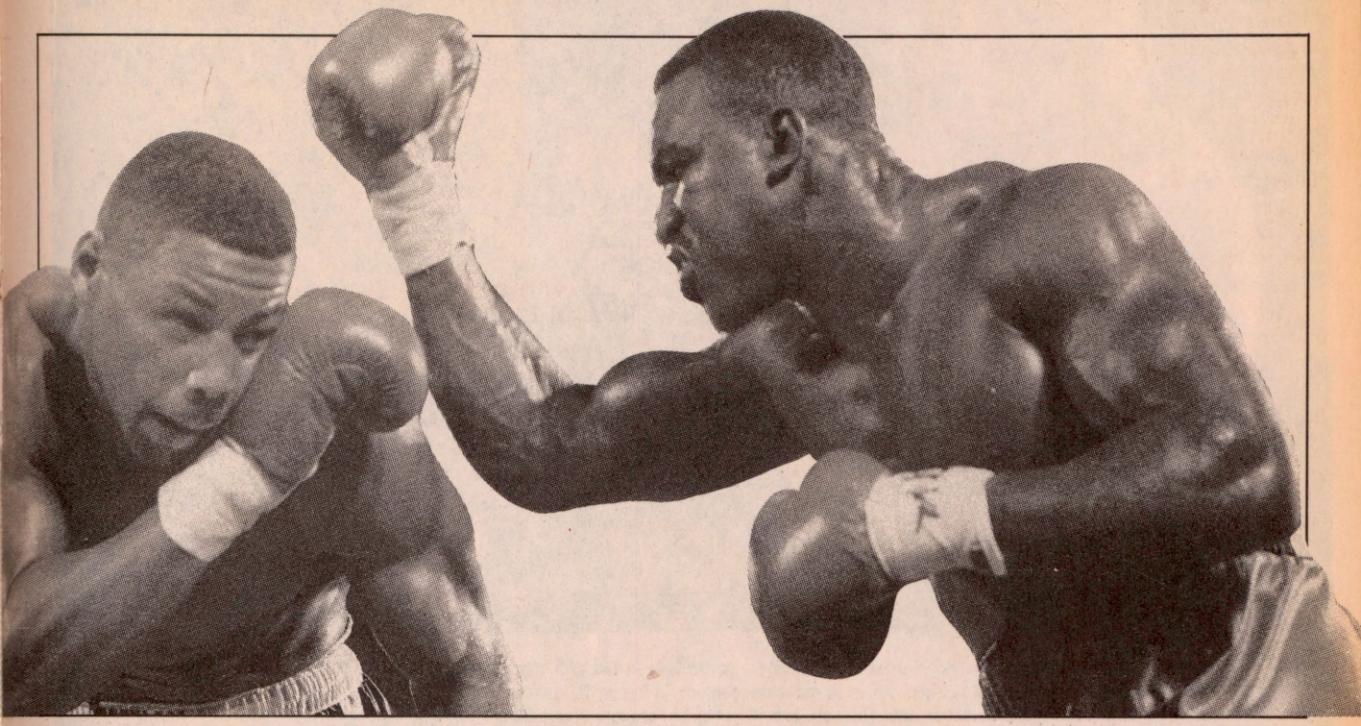
A star for the '90s is stylish southpaw champion Michael Nunn, who conquered Juan Roldan (below), among other middleweights. Nunn, only 26, is seeking a shot at one of the members of boxing's Seniors Tour.



The most volatile matchup of the '80s was Mike Tyson-Robin Givens (below). The heavyweight champion married the actress, then divorced her. Ain't gonna be no rematch. Don't want one.

The fastest hands in boxing now belong to undefeated junior welterweight champion Meldrick Taylor, shown above outpointing title challenger Courtney Hooper.

HOLYFIELD CAN BEAT THEM ALL...



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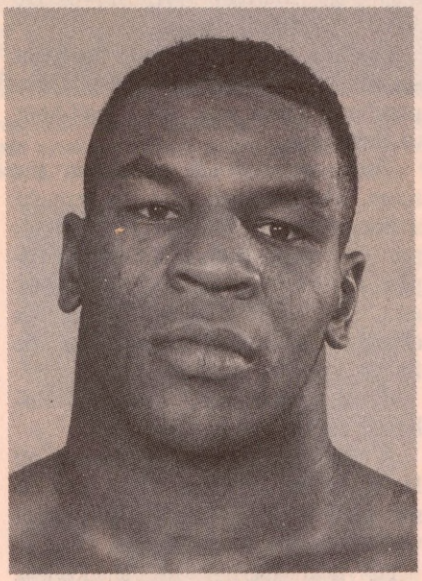

WILL BE TYSON

By Steven Farhood

IN A NEAT bit of deception, ex-cruiserweight king Evander Holyfield has sold five different heavyweight bouts to the public, showdowns against fighters named Tillis, Thomas, Dokes, Rodriguez, and Stewart. Unsuspecting boxing fans absorbed each bout without realizing that since vacating the 190-pound crown, Holyfield has fought the same opponent over and over again. No matter whom he beats, you see, Holyfield is judged only by how his success and failure relates to an inevitable showdown with Mike Tyson.

In other words . . .

James Tillis steps to his left, and Evander Holyfield's jab misses Mike Tyson by inches.

Holyfield lands an uppercut to the chin of Pinklon Thomas, but the blow doesn't seem to hurt Mike Tyson.

A combination delivered by Michael Dokes drives Holyfield into the ropes. The power of Mike Tyson, it seems, is having an effect.

Holyfield employs a cross-armed defense against Alex Stewart, but Mike Tyson's hooks and crosses are scoring with alarming frequency.

Against a strong quintet of heavyweights, Holyfield has scored five knockouts. But it's never been *Mike Tyson* falling to the canvas. And at this point in the career of the world's second-best heavyweight, that's really all that matters.

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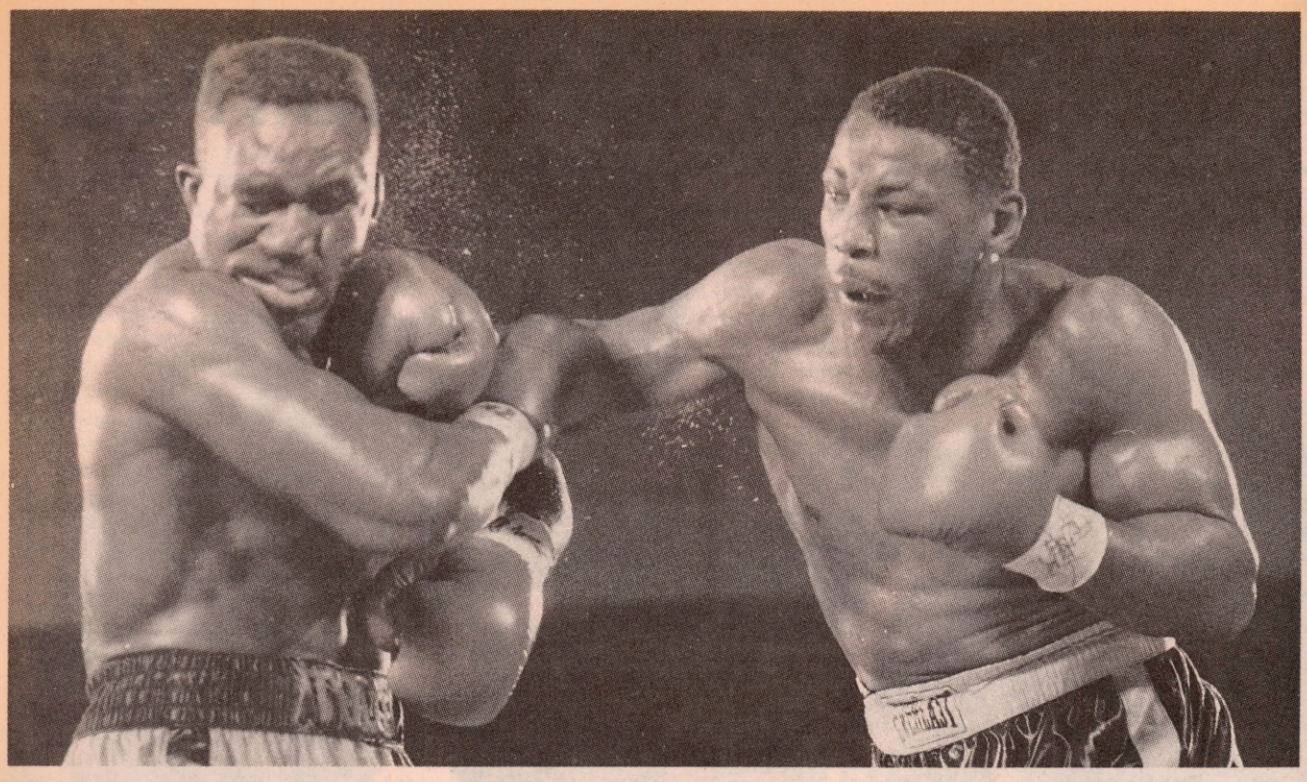
Fly on the wall: "Excuse me, but is this the dressing room of the fighter who's going to beat Mike Tyson?"

It is 8:10 p.m., and still more than two hours before Evander Holyfield's battle against the latest Mike Tyson impersonator, unbeaten New Yorker Alex Stewart. Holyfield sits quietly on a chair in his dressing area at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The dressing area of Stewart is about 50 feet away.

Keeping Holyfield company are stablemate Romallis Ellis, a winner on the card's opening bout, and handlers Lou Duva, George Benton, Tim Hallmark, Ken Sanders, and Ronnie Shields. A cassette player is blurting out rap music.

Holyfield stands before a long, thin



Stewart, undefeated but also untested, shook Holyfield with right hands, particularly in the fifth round. Holyfield rode with some of the punches, but allowed others to make full contact. In the sixth, however, he rallied with a barrage of uppercuts and combinations. The bout turned out to be far more entertaining than had been anticipated.

mirror and begins to turn away, as if anticipating Stewart's right hands. Then he sits down again and shoves his fists inside of his sweatshirt.

All is quiet until lightweight champion and former Olympic teammate Pernell Whitaker arrives.

"Sorry I'm late, sorry I'm late," he says. Whitaker starts dancing and gyrating, and Holyfield smiles. "Don't pay me no mind," Whitaker says. "I seen Macho [Camacho] walking around, and I'm gonna *smack* him."

For the next hour, fighters like Whitaker, Meldrick Taylor, and Ed Hopson enter, move to the music, and leave. Holyfield glances at the monitor to watch a replay of Riddick Bowe smashing a round opponent named Garing Lane to the canvas. He is expressionless.

Conditioning guru Hallmark begins to apply baby oil to the heavyweight's sculptured upper body and digs his fingers deeply into Holyfield's back. An autograph-seeker is waved away. The preparation has begun.

Holyfield shadowboxes and then begins a lengthy stretching routine with Hallmark. Benton sits him down and begins to tape his hands. The fighter yawns as he watches Hector Camacho extend a meaningless fight on the monitor.

The music takes a faster beat, and Holyfield yawns again. "Let's get that heartrate up," Hallmark urges. Cutman Ace Marotta spreads Vaseline across Holyfield's brows.

The last bell of the Camacho fight sounds. "Let's start *snapping* those punches," Duva says. It's a half-hour to fight time.

There are now 21 people in the room. The shadowboxing has brought a heavy sweat. Holyfield puts on his protector and trunks, and Marotta applies an icebag to his neck, eyebrows, and mouth. Then Whitaker, who is clearly a welcomed influence on the fighter's mood, reappears.

"Yeah, champ, sorry I'm late!" Holyfield smiles again.

A Showtime cameraman focuses on Holyfield and says, "Evander, look at me kinda mean." Holyfield cooperates without having to change his face.

Holyfield begins to shadowbox again, and 20 pairs of eyes study his every feint and step. Benton offers instruction: When you jab, bend over and then spring up. There is a thudding in the background; Stewart is digging hooks and crosses into the pads worn by his trainer. It is 10:05. Tyson is not in the building. And he is everywhere.

"About a minute."

"Push him back with that jab!" Lou Duva screams. The pulse of the room is racing, but Holyfield seems unaffected.

"Let's go!"

Holyfield, wearing a hot-pink robe, makes his way to the ring, where Stewart is waiting for him. Fans scream to his left and right, reaching for him, hoping to touch him, make eye contact, offer encouragement, instruction.

The introductions are brief. Referee Tony Perez sends the fighters to their corners. All the support that for two hours had covered Holyfield like a warm blanket disappears. The bell rings, and Holyfield is alone.

But not really.

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Round two begins, and at the bell, manager Sanders consumes the deepest of deep breaths. If nothing else, the untested Stewart has already proven that he has a top-10 chin. With 12 seconds to go, Holyfield connects with a smacking right. Stewart, bleeding from a cut on his right eyelid and wincing because of three damaged knuckles on his left hand, hopscotches around the ring but doesn't fall. It is not going to be a short fight, and with millions riding on the outcome, Sanders doesn't dare exhale.

In the fifth, the ghost of Tyson arrives. With 90 seconds to go, Stewart, 24-1 (24), powers through a hook-right combination that immobilizes Holyfield. The 13-1 underdog then follows with a series of overhand rights. Holy-

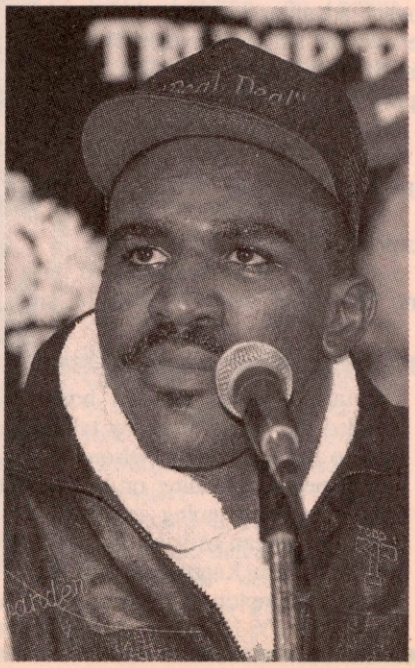
Holyfield landed every punch imaginable—hooks, crosses, jabs, and uppercuts. Stewart wobbled, but he never fell, which led ringsiders to once again question Holyfield's punching power. At the postfight press conference, Holyfield said he "couldn't get things clicking." He'll have to click against Tyson, whom he could meet as early as June.

field, 23-0 (19), drops his hands. He rides with some of the punches, as he had in the mirror, and allows others to hammer at his face. At the bell, he returns to an angry corner, unaware that to most of the ringsiders, he has already been kayoed.

"If that was Tyson throwing those shots . . . "

Holyfield rumbles with passion in the sixth. Right uppercuts rip through Stewart's defense and chop his face into red gore. Finally, with 14 seconds left in the eighth, Perez calls in Dr. Frank B. Doggett, who stops the fight because of the bloodletting. From the winner, there is no celebration; no words, no smile.

Back in the dressing area, Holyfield is sponged down before being congratulated by Donald Trump, presumably because the viscous combination of his sweat and Stewart's blood would do little for the value of Trump's suit.



"It's the first time I've ever been in a match where I couldn't get things clicking," the winner says.

Holyfield tells the press that the lingering effects of a cold had slowed him, though two hours in his prefight dressing area had produced no evidence to support him. Trainer Benton seems more candid when he says, "Tonight was one of those nights."

And what about *the* night? For the first time since Holyfield jumped to heavyweight, it seems certain that a bout with Tyson will happen, maybe even as soon as June.

But, in reality, of course, Holyfield had just completed his *fifth* fight with Tyson.

He hasn't won yet. Before the *sixth* fight, however, we'll bet that we won't catch him yawning in his dressing room. □

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Virgil Hill

Emanuel Steward, the manager of undefeated light heavyweight sensation Michael Moorer, began targeting WBA 175-pound champion Hill more than a year ago. In fact, ABC and the respective fight camps are hoping to arrange a Hill-Moorer matchup for February. According to Steward, Hill's style often resembles that of an amateur.

Perhaps it's time for Steward to alter his opinion. In making his seventh defense, Hill thrilled more than 8,000 hometown fans at the Bismarck Civic Center by finishing one of boxing's sturdiest fighters inside of a round.

The usually cautious Hill, 26-0 (17), is often criticized for pushing pillow punches. It's true that the champion's right hand is an underdeveloped weapon. His left, however, can be punishing, whether delivered in the form of a jab or hook.

Hill did little for the first 90 seconds against perennial contender Kinchen, 174, San Diego. But with Kinchen, 44-7-2 (31), punching powerfully to the body and forcing a fierce pace, Hill had to retaliate. After absorbing a Kinchen hook late in the round, Hill, who owned a seven-inch reach advantage, answered with a left of his own. Kinchen, just beginning to fire another left, was caught flush. He froze, and Hill, 175, Las Vegas, poured in 16 followup blows. The last two punches were hammers that helped a slumping Kinchen fall through the ropes. The challenger somehow beat the count of referee Dr. Billy Yoham, but wasn't allowed to continue.

"He was trying to load up with every punch," Hill said of Kinchen. "My finishing is getting better."

A fact that, we're quite sure, hasn't escaped the shrewd Mr. Steward.

On the undercard, Frankie Minton, 168, outpointed Nicky Walker, 170, in a 10-round semifinal between fringe contenders. The scores were 77-75, 78-74, and 77-76, all for Minton.

AZUMAH NELSON-JIM McDONNELL

LONDON, ENGLAND—Ghana's Azumah Nelson, 130, defended the WBC super featherweight title with a 12th-round stoppage of brave Londoner Jim McDonnell, 129¾, in a fight full of excitement and mighty courage.

The tall and pale London boxer astounded the British press by taking the fight to the formidable Nelson. In fact, McDonnell was leading on one of the three scorecards going into the final round. American officials Tony Castellano and Tom Kaczmarek had the 31-year-old champion in front by identical scores of 106-102, but Switzerland's Franz Marti, who obviously felt that McDonnell's chasing tactics were effective, had a score of 106-104 for McDonnell, the former European featherweight champion.

McDonnell did as he promised the British press he would do; he forced the pace with long jabs and awkward hooks to Nelson's body. However, he simply did not have the necessary power to hurt Nelson, who left the ring with little respect for McDonnell's punching prowess, but in awe at the resistance of yet another brave, but futile British challenge at a world crown.

In the fifth, a wicked short left hook dumped McDonnell over for a long count of nine. The press exchanged "I told you so" looks, but McDonnell rose and roared forward to dominate the last two minutes of the round. At one point, he pushed Nelson back into the ropes for a 20-second assault.

During the middle rounds, Nelson fought from a cross-armed defense that enabled him to get very close to McDonnell. But he was not working in enough punches to control the bout. Nelson's edge was his obvious power, and whenever he cut loose with short combinations, McDonnell was visibly hurt and forced to hold.

In the 11th, McDonnell's right eye started to swell and rapidly close, as 10 rounds of accurate left hooks had reshaped the Londoner's face. American referee Joe Cortez called the ringside doctor to the apron, and astonishingly, Dr. Ashwin Patel allowed the bout to continue.

Cornerman and trainer Darkie Smith sent the challenger out for the final round. McDonnell, his eye temporarily opened during the break by Smith, again took the action to the champion, but the brave display had drained him. A single right caught McDonnell on his good side and he was bowled over for a short count. Cortez should have stopped the fight right then and there, but instead, an exhausted and half-blinded McDonnell was allowed to continue. He was

roared on by the capacity crowd, which was screaming for him to survive, and he pushed forward again. A rally of punches landed, and McDonnell fell back, exhausted, and was caught by a final left hook. Cortez finally called it off without a count. The time was 1:40 of the 12th round.

McDonnell spent three minutes on the canvas and, subsequently, several days in the hospital, but recovered. Around British rings, his stand will not quickly be forgotten.

Steve Bunce

LUISITO ESPINOSA-KAOKOR GALAXY

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Luisito Espinosa, a 22-year-old Filipino, became the new WBA bantamweight champion by virtue of his first-round demolition of defending champion Kaokor Galaxy at Rajadamnern Stadium. Some 7,000 partisan fans were stunned by the major upset.

The tall and stylish Espinosa, 118, scored with wicked hooks against Galaxy, 117½, midway through the opening round. The southpaw Galaxy, 24-2 (19), fought back with big lefts of his own, but Espinosa countered with additional vicious hooks to the face. Several seconds after the last punch Galaxy took, the 30-year-old champion suddenly fell backward and lay flat, using the lowest rope as a pillow. He turned very pale and showed the whites of his eyes. Referee Enzo Montero of Venezuela immediately declared a halt and summoned the ring doctor. The time of the stoppage was 2:13.

Espinosa jubilantly jumped up to celebrate his victory, and his manager, Hermie Rivera, was thrilled to achieve the quick triumph he had predicted. A stretcher was brought to Galaxy's corner, but the former titlist managed to stand up by himself after five minutes had elapsed.

Observers at ringside wondered what had made Galaxy suddenly collapse. He was promptly hospitalized and received a medical examination. Dr. Somkiat Silpaprasertchai said that the impact of Espinosa's left hooks to the right ear accounted for Galaxy's delayed reaction.

Espinosa is the nephew of former Orient bantamweight champion Leo Espinosa. Leo failed to win a world title, losing to champions Yoshio Shirai in Japan in 1954, Pascual Perez in Buenos Aires in 1956, and Raton Macias in Mexico City, also in 1956.

Luisito, born June 26, 1967, turned pro at the age of 16. He earned the nicknames "Champion Killer" and "Golden Boy" after scoring victories over five current and ex-champions of the Philippines.

Bantam champion Luisito Espinosa

A diligent boxer, Espinosa's biggest previous opportunity had been a bout against Juan Jose Estrada, now the WBA junior featherweight ruler, in Tijuana, Mexico, in March 1988. Leading on points, Espinosa fell after taking a low blow in the 10th round. He couldn't resume fighting, and was declared a TKO loser. But his talents were highly appreciated by the Mexican spectators, and despite the defeat, his WBC ranking didn't drop.

After facing Estrada, Espinosa moved to San Francisco and, in July 1988, won the California bantamweight title by stopping Mauro Diaz. Before his crack at Galaxy, Espinosa had registered three impressive wins in Hawaii. His record is 22-5 (10), with four of the defeats coming on controversial decisions. The 5'7" youngster should become a good champion if he proves he can take a punch and keep his weight.

Joe Koizumi

KHAOSAI GALAXY-KENJI MATSUMURA

KOBE CITY, JAPAN—Thai lefty Galaxy, 115, proved too strong and ringwise, as he battered Japanese challenger Matsumura, 115, with wicked southpaw lefts from the third round on and demolished him at 2:56 of the 12th and final session at Kobe Port Island World Memorial Hall. Galaxy retained the WBA junior bantamweight title for the 12th time. The 30-year-old champion is 42-1 (37), and has the highest kayo percentage of all active world titlists.

This was a grudge match. In Yokohama, Japan, on April 8, Galaxy had won a close but unanimous decision, by three, four, and six points.

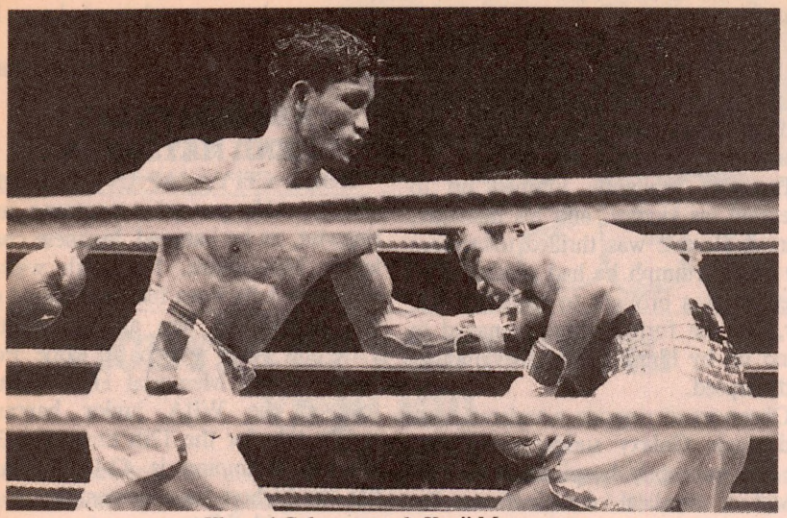
Matsumura, a 28-year-old former amateur champion, relinquished the OPBF flyweight title for a crack at Galaxy.

In their first fight, Galaxy seemed overconfident. But this time, it might have been Matsumura who underestimated the aging champion's power. The challenger, 9-3-1 (5), began with his fireworks from the start. He traded from the opening bell and rocked the champion with an overhand right in round two. His good start may have made him forget his fight plan, which was to pile up points while averting Galaxy's vaunted punches.

Round three saw Galaxy connect with a solid left and then follow with a two-fisted attack that dropped the challenger on the seat of his trunks. Matsumura should have used footwork after that, but he came forward and traded punches at short range. As a result, Galaxy began scoring with accurate lefts, and Matsumura bled from the mouth in the fourth. He bled till the end of the fight.

Matsumura scored with a roundhouse hook in the sixth, but Galaxy dug in heavy hooks to the midsection. Then, in the eighth, a second knockdown was produced by a left-right-left combination. Amazingly, a fading Matsumura managed to last four more rounds.

In the final round, Galaxy listened to his corner and used hit-and-run tactics, while the challenger tried for the big kayo blow. A right hook and a straight left by the champion, however, hurt Matsumura, and his legs sagged



Khaosai Galaxy pounds Kenji Matsumura

badly. He was downed along the ropes after a triple left hook. American referee Rudy Battle began a count but stopped the bout before finishing it. The time of the stoppage was 2:56. The scoring entering the last round was: Richard Strange (U.S.), 107-100, Luis Rodriguez (Venezuela), 108-100, and Medaldo Villalobos (Panama), 108-100, all for the champion.

Galaxy, who initially scaled two pounds over the 115-pound limit, claimed he would surpass the 15 defenses scored by Korea's ex-WBC light flyweight champ Jung Koo Chang, the best registered by Oriental boxers.

Galaxy may have passed his peak, as he was slower and more sluggish than in previous bouts. But his tenacity and ferocity are so alive. He will keep punching, as he overwhelmingly showed on this night.

On the undercard, OPBF flyweight champion Romy Navarette, 112, won a one-sided 12-round decision over Japanese challenger Akio Kawamata, 112. Scores were 119-112, 118-108, and 119-111. Filipino Navarette scored knockdowns with right hands in rounds four and five. He is 34-10-1. Kawamata fell to 18-4-1 (8).

Joe Koizumi

RAUL PEREZ-DIEGO AVILA & JORGE PAEZ-ALAN MAKITOKI

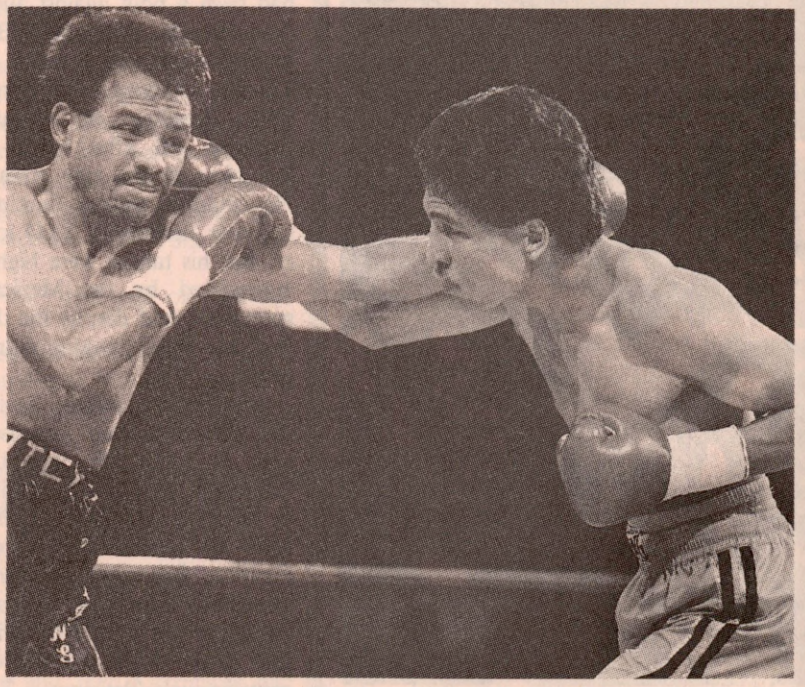
INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA—"Jibaro" Perez, 118, Tijuana, Mexico, had no trouble in retaining the WBC bantamweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over the game but outclassed Avila, 118, Mexico City. The 23-year-old Perez, who, at 5'11", is the tallest bantamweight champion in history, was making his third defense of the title he won in October 1988.

Using his enormous height and reach advantages, Perez completely controlled the bull-like charges of the 29-year-old Avila, who holds wins over Gilberto Roman (pro) and Julio Cesar Chavez (amateur). The fighters were constantly warned about the lack of action, and were told that their purses would be withheld unless they picked up the pace. The crowd of 7,656 booed throughout, and afterward, Perez excused himself by saying that the challenger "held too much." Perez, who was ahead by scores of 119-111, 115-113, and 118-110, picked up $45,000. He improves to 46-1-1 (30). Avila is 53-13-3 (20).

The night's highlight was the appearance of IBF featherweight king Jorge Paez in a scheduled 10-round non-title fight against Stockton, California's Alan Makitoki. Weighing 135, or nine pounds over the featherweight limit, Paez stopped Makitoki, 134, after six rounds, when the battered loser wasn't allowed to continue.

Paez entered the ring wearing a black and green sequined jumpsuit with knee-length trunks and matching shoes, and two different colored socks. He dominated Makitoki, who was chosen by Great Western Forum matchmaker Antonio Curtis because of his ability to soak up punishment. Paez taunted his opponent throughout, clowned, danced, and occasionally exhibited his dazzling hand speed. He picked up $20,000 for his effort, and donated a portion of it to the San Francisco earthquake victims. Paez is 32-2-2 (24), while Makitoki fell to 31-16-1.

Highlighting the undercard was Edward "Pee Wee" Parker, who surprised the hard-punching and favored Kenny Baysmore and won a hard-fought unanimous 12-round decision to capture the $225,000 Forum super



Raul Perez (right) strikes against Diego Avila

Paez rumbles with Makitoki

featherweight tournament final. There were no knockdowns, but Parker, 129, landed the heavier blows. He improves to 19-3-2 (11). Baysmore, 130, is 23-3.

Michael Hepworth

JUAN POLO-ELLY PICAL

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA—The "logic" of a 115-pound title fight between an Indonesian and a Colombian in a far-from-the-madding-crowd site that had gone 15 years without a card would have appealed to only the Mad Hatter . . . and promoter Cedric Kushner. Trying to get in on the ground floor of the inviting foreign TV market, Kushner had promotional ties to challenger Polo, and garnered the bout with a $105,750 purse bid when Indonesian promoters defaulted. Enter Virginia's ambitious commissioner, Doug Beavers, to secure the fairy-tale match for Virginia.

This burgeoning "New South" metropolis actually embraced the card with some enthusiasm, but no sooner had the opening bell sounded than the fans realized they were in trouble. Indonesia's IBF junior bantamweight titleholder, Elly Pical, walked around the ring, with Colombian challenger Juan Polo in lukewarm pursuit. The expectant crowd let fly with a cacophony of boos almost immediately, and a few rounds later, referee Al Rothenberg harangued the two fighters for not fighting. It did no good. Pical, 115, Jakarta, continued to move around the ring in reverse, waiting for a chance to counter with all the verve of a bum looking for a job. All the while, Polo, 114¼, Barranquilla, inched cautiously forward, like a timid mongoose putting in a cameo appearance against a cobra, when he'd rather eat bugs, anyway. What happened to do-or-die Latin machismo?

The reluctant dragons at least gave it a try in the sixth, but as soon as the attacking Polo got hit with a couple of counters to the body, the action cooled out again. Finally, in the 10th, with his corner visibly desperate, Pical turned a dramatic about-face. The southpaw titlist hurled himself awkwardly after the surprised challenger. But on a night when everything went wrong for him, the champion charged into a left hook counter in the 12th and hit the canvas, at least providing an exclamation-point finish to the dull affair.

The Indonesian judge, Leon Johannes, proved an honest man, 117-113, while locals Jim Traylor and Vaughan LaPrade scored 118-110 and 117-111, respectively, all for the new titleholder.

"Under 135 pounds," Beavers had said, "I've never seen a bad title fight." He has now. With titles so cheap, Polo and Pical showed the skills of six-round fighters.

In a positively dreadful decision, extreme underdog Darryl Richardson, 137, Portsmouth, was rewarded with a draw for simply lasting the distance against rated Jackie Beard, 140½, Jackson, Tennessee, in an eight-rounder. Richardson ran, poked out a tap-tap jab, and managed to make Beard look bad. But in no way did he deserve a 78-76 win, 76-76 draw, or even a loss as close as 77-76, as the three judges scored. Chris Wollesen refereed.

Local prospect Mark Buchanan, 154, Roanoke, scored a good win over Sammie Jenkins, 158, Knoxville, in a lively, unanimous four-round decision. The referee was J.J. Johnson.

Wildman An-Nuur Green, 150, Newport News, pounded the stuffing out of game Derrick Chapman, 147, Washington, D.C., to claim a four-round decision. Johnson refereed.

Lefty Tim Hillie, 168¼, Washington, D.C., staved off fatigue to hold on to a unanimous verdict over Larry Pather, 171, Cleveland, in a raucous four. Prather got a standing eight in the second, when an alleged low blow was disallowed by Johnson. Then he was promptly dropped for real.

Massimo Migliaccio, 223, Naples, Italy, twice dropped a cooperative "Stack" Lewis, 219, Newport News, en route to a kayo at 2:13 of the first in a scheduled four. The referee was Wollesen.

Promoter: John Hagen & Larry Lyons (Valley Sports Promotions), Cedric Kushner Productions, Ltd.

Matchmaker: Mike Vaughn
Timekeeper: Gail Carpenter
TV: Family Net Broadcasting
Announcer: Greg Roberts
Attendance: 1,300

J.R. Jowett

SIMON BROWN-LUIS SANTANA

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS—IBF welterweight champion Brown defended the title with a lopsided 12-round decision over a game Santana. But if Brown's fifth defense was a shutout, it was hardly the brash backyard challenge he'd intended for WBC king Marlon Starling.

Promoter Don Elbaum and Brown had placed this title match in Springfield expressly to goad Starling into a unification bout. Starling made the half-hour drive from his Connecticut home to attend the fight, but he already had secured a date with IBF middleweight champion Michael Nunn, and prospects of a Brown-Starling meeting remain hazy, with Starling demanding a million-dollar payday.

Brown did a masterful job of outboxing and punishing Santana, but his offense was overshadowed by the challenger's dogged resilience. Brown dominated his foe, a two-time NABF champ who earned this shot by upsetting Jorge Maysonet, from start to finish, but couldn't put him down. The champion hit Santana with every variety of combination, and did so seemingly whenever he wanted. Santana's non-stop brawling tactics forced Brown to stay active, yet the challenger's punches were almost always clubbing or slapping blows that were easily de-

flected by Brown.

By the fourth frame, Santana's left eye was swollen shut, and by the night's end, his right eye was nastily puffed up as well. The only way Santana ever hurt Brown was by blocking a right hand with his head, giving the champ a jolt all the way to his shoulder.

When the crowd rose in a standing ovation during the final round, they were cheering Santana's huge heart at least as much as Brown's technical mastery.

Santana, 146½, Hawthorne, California, would turn 31 10 days after this bout. His lengthy career has included 30 kayos among his 36-11-2 record. Newly installed as the IBF's number-nine contender, he came after Brown from the opening bell, as if fully cognizant this could be his last shot at a world title. But he couldn't land more that one blow at a time. Brown, also 146¼, Washington, D.C., became so intent on slugging, that by the third round he was walking in with his head straight up.
hand in the fourth.

"I hit him right on top of his head, and I thought my arm was going to fall off," he said. "It didn't hurt me so bad that I couldn't use it, but I decided to show the world that I could go the distance."

Brown's barrage became ever more fearsome in the middle rounds, with Santana unable to escape the bone-jarring Brown left hook. Brown took an obvious respite in the seventh, but several overhand punches from Santana forced him to fight in the final minute. This was Santana's highwater mark, an even round as we saw it, simply because Brown was absent for the first half.

Target practice resumed in the eighth and ninth rounds, with Santana's vision deteriorating. Brown showed no respect for his foe's right hand, and Santana began holding and wrestling in the 10th.

The 11th became a 10-8 round, with Brown furiously pounding his challenger with his entire arsenal. A textbook left-right led to two right uppercuts that nearly beheaded Santana. Referee Matt Mullaney came running in, and many observers anticipated a TKO finish, but Mullaney only warned Santana for holding.

Brown worked steadily through the final round, but he mothballed the homerun punches.

Simon Brown celebrates with daughter India

There had been a jurisdictional dispute prior to the fight concerning the officials. The IBF had assigned three judges and a non-voting referee, as per its rules, but the Massachusetts Boxing Commission decided it wanted its own judges, along with its own scoring referee. The final compromise found IBF referee Harold Gomes (the former junior lightweight champion) given a judge's chair, along with Massachusetts' Don O'Neill and Robert McCoy. Local referee Mullaney replaced Gomes as the third man in the ring. Gomes (120-108) and McCoy (120-105) saw it as a shutout for Brown, while O'Neill carded it 119-110. *The Ring* scored the bout 120-108.

Marlon Starling was predictably unimpressed.

"Look at his fight, and look at mine: two different classes of fighter," he told reporters afterward. "Santana won more than two or three rounds. Simon Brown's as beat up as [Santana] is. I think Simon better think about getting out."

In the semifinal bout, Hartford slugger John Scully, 161, baffled and outworked Alphonso Bailey, 160, Indianapolis, for a unanimous eight-round distance win. Scully, 17-1, kept switching in and out of a southpaw mode,

and Bailey never really got untracked. Bailey drops to 14-4-1.

A lively heavyweight bout matched Cincinnati cruiserweight Richard "Hardface" Mason, 200, against Holyoke trialhorse Juan Quintana, 224. Quintana stood and slugged with Mason despite an obvious lack of power. After Quintana suffered a gash over his left eye, Mullaney consulted the doctor late in the fourth, and Mason was awarded the TKO at the 2:50 mark. Mason is 13-3-1, while Quintana dropped to 8-15.

An eight-rounder matched local hero Pat Ireland, 146, with late sub Edwin Corra, 144, Springfield. Ireland won an unpopular split verdict. Ireland improves to 7-2.

An opening four-rounder saw Carmelo Hernandez, 136, Holyoke, dispose of Springfield's Willie Santiago, 139, in the first round. Santiago dropped from the first Hernandez flurry and was counted out at 1:56, with the crowd taunting him to get up.

Providence's Steve Manfredo, 151, was far too busy for veteran John Saunders, 153, Lynn, who dropped all four rounds. Manfredo goes to 8-1-1, Saunders to 13-11-2.

The walkout bout saw Hartford's Angel Gonzalez, 117, outbox Worcester's Michael Carbonell, 118, for an easy decision over four rounds.

Elbaum estimated the crowd at 2,400 in this hockey arena. It was a generous estimate.

Judges: Don O'Neil, Robert McCoy, David Sammataro

Referees: Matt Mullaney, Richard Flaherty

Timekeepers: James Froio, David Sammataro Jr.

Physician: Dr. William Dorfman

Gross: $58,000

Jay N. Miller

IN CHUL BAEK-RONNIE ESSETT

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—Hard-punching In Chul Baek, 168, survived the furious attack of Indiana's Ronnie Essett, 168, in the fifth round, subsequently battered him in close quarters, and flattened him with a fusillade of punches at the 29-second mark of the 11th round at the Seoul International Hotel.

The 27-year-old Baek registered his first defense of the WBA title he wrested via stoppage of Venezuelan Fulgencio Obelmejias last May. The 26-year-old Essett, who was ranked third, fought well, but tired in the later rounds.

Baek and Essett trade at close range

In the first two rounds, Baek was aggressive, but looked much slower than usual. Essett paid too much respect to Baek's reputation as a hitter (41 kayos in 45 victories), and cautiously covered up. The challenger then began to retaliate with fast two-punch combinations. Essett assumed control with accurate punches in round four, and the fifth was his best round, as he connected with sharp one-twos that often penetrated the champion's loose guard. Essett had Baek's attention, but was unable to effectively follow up.

The Korean titlist turned loose in the sixth in an attempt to regain the initiative. His looping lefts and rights put Essett on the defensive again. Baek concentrated on a body bombardment from the seventh round on, while Essett retaliated with headhunting rallies. In the closing seconds of the 10th, Baek caught his fading opponent with a flurry of punches. Essett hit the deck, but surprisingly, referee Julio Cesar Alvarado of Panama ruled it a slip. The crowd jeered, but Baek's supporters had little to worry about.

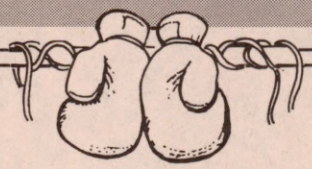
In round 11, Baek quickly rained punches, and the challenger sank for the count. Essett fell to 18-4-2 (12). Baek raised his log to 46-2 (42), although he didn't look to be in good shape. At the time of the stoppage, the scorecards read: 96-95 Baek (Manuel Rodriguez of Panama), 96-94 Baek (Carlos Sucre of Venezuela), and 96-95 Essett (Harmodio Cedeno of Panama).

The stout champion is next scheduled to take on another contender in Korea, and then meet 1984 Olympic bronze medalist Christophe Tiozzo in France in the spring. Unless he trains hard, Baek's reign may be shorter than Korean partisans expect.

The promoter was Hoyun Chun's Kukdong Promotions, and the attendance was a sellout of 2,000.

Joe Koizumi

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS



HEAVYWEIGHTS
Evander Holyfield KO 8 Alex Stewart
Michael Dokes KO 8 Lionel Washington
Tim Witherspoon KO 1 Anders Eklund
Jose Ribalta KO 2 Jose Castro
Ray Mercer W 8 Jerry Jones
Ray Mercer KO 1 Eddie Richardson
Tommy Morrison W 6 Lorenzo Canady
Tommy Morrison KO 1 Harry Terrell
Lennox Lewis W Disq 2 Melvin Epps
Lennox Lewis KO 1 Steve Garber
Riddick Bowe KO 4 Garing Lane
Riddick Bowe KO 1 Mike Acey
Alex Garcia W 10 Eddie Gonzales

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Glenn McCrory KO 11 Siza Makhathini
(Retains IBF Title)
James Warring W 10 Craig Bodzianowski
Jeff Lampkin KO 9 Ed Smith
Patrick Lumumba KO 8 Jose D'ardie
Matthew Saad Muhammad D 8 Kevin Wagstaff

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Jeff Harding KO 2 Tom Collins
(Retains WBC Title)
Virgil Hill KO 1 James Kinchen
(Retains WBA Title)
Michael Moorer KO 1 Jeff Thompson
Eric Nicoletta KO 10 Jan Lefeber
Dennis Andries W 10 Art Jimmerson
Apollo Sweet KO 4 Craig Petersen
Anthony Hembrick KO 2 Manuel Murillo

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Don Lee W 10 Keith McMurray
Thulani Malinga W 10 Vincent Boulware
Thulani Malinga KO 8 Jose Quinones
Pierre-Frank Winterstein KO 4 Abdul Sanda
Mustafa Hamsho KO 5 Wesley Reid

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Sumbu Kalambay KO 5 Tony Powell
Herol Graham KO 9 Rod Douglas
Nigel Benn W 10 Jorge Amparo
Karama Leota W 10 Julian Valentine
Merqui Sosa W 10 Sanderline Williams
Kevin Watts W 12 Dwight Davison
Lupe Aquino KO 3 Milford Kemp
Lupe Aquino KO 4 Jerry Okorodudu
James Toney W 10 Ron Amundsen
Chris Eubank KO 4 Johnny Melfah
Chris Eubank KO 2 Jean-Noel Camara
Chris Eubank KO 5 Ron Malek
Antoine Byrd KO 1 Carlos Betancourt
Reggie Miller KO 7 Danny Trevino

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Gianfranco Rosi W 12 Troy Waters
(Retains IBF Title)
John Mugabi KO 1 Ricky Stackhouse
Terry Norris W 10 Jorge Vaca
Chris Pyatt KO 3 Wayne Harris
Jose Luis Estevens KO 2 Tomas Molinares
Termite Watkins KO 2 Moses Robinson
Gilbert Baptiste W 10 Luis Vasquez

WELTERWEIGHTS
Simon Brown W 12 Luis Santana
(Retains IBF Title)
Buddy McGirt KO 9 Joe Manley
Maurice Blocker W 10 James Hughes
Tommy Ayers KO 2 Paul Gentry
Genaro Leon KO 4 Alberto Alcaraz
Tony Baltazar KO 4 Juan Muniz
Antoine Fernandez KO 4 Markus Underdruss
Kenny Gould KO 3 Eduardo Valdez
Kenny Gould KO 7 Billy Durbin
Robert Wangila KO 1 Roddy Blake

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Julio Cesar Chavez KO 10 Sammy Fuentes
(Retains WBC Title)
Julio Cesar Chavez KO 1 Rodolfo Batta
(Non-Title Bout)
Julio Cesar Chavez KO 3 Ramon Aramburu
(Non-Title Bout)
Hector Camacho W 10 Raul Torres
Primo Ramos KO 5 Lofti Bensayel
Anthony Jones KO 2 Shelton LeBlanc
Rodney Moore W 10 Willie Taylor
Momong Manaay W 10 Bazooka Limon
Pat Barrett W 12 Robert Harkin
Lalo Velasquez KO 8 Pedro Montero
Todd Foster KO 2 Emilio Sotomayor
Romallis Ellis KO 2 Junior Rodrigues

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Tracy Spann KO 4 Bryant Paden
Angel Hernandez KO 3 Chris Calvin
Dingaan Thobela KO 9 Francisco Alvarez
William Rojas KO 10 Tunde Foster
Benny Lopez KO 2 Armando Baeza
Najib Daho W 12 Johnny Kalbhenn
Juan Nazario KO 3 Gino DeLeon
Steve Boyle KO 2 Colin Morgan
Tim Brooks KO 6 Rowdy Welch
Kelcie Banks KO 2 Benji Vigil

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Azumah Nelson KO 12 Jim McDonnell
(Retains WBC Title)
Juan LaPorte W 12 Bruno Rabanales
Rodolfo Gomez W 10 Tyrone Jackson
Pee Wee Parker W 12 Kenny Baysmore
Gino Gelormino KO 1 Amos Cowart

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Jorge Paez KO 6 Alan Makitoki
(Non-Title Bout)
Louis Espinoza KO 7 Maurizio Stecca
Alfred Rangel W 10 Abe Gomez
Ricardo Cepeda W Disq 5 Nelson Rodriguez
James Pipps D 10 Jorge Romero
Javier Marquez W 12 Alberto Rodriguez
Kennedy McKinney W 4 Jose Martinez

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Paul Banke KO 2 Jose Soto
Seung Hoon Lee KO 2 Andy Dumpayan
Jesus Salud W 10 Eduardo Lopez
Lucilo Nolasco W 10 Jerome Coffee
Baby Sugar Rojas KO 2 Angel Sanchez

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Raul Perez W 12 Diego Avila
(Retains WBC Title)
Luisito Espinosa KO 1 Kaokor Galaxy
(Wins WBA Title)
Pepillo Valdez W 10 Rolando Bohol
Wilfredo Vasquez W 12 Fernie Morales
Eddie Rangel KO 8 Jorge Martinez
Paul Gonzales W 12 Antonio Lozada
Ray Minus KO 11 Ronnie Carroll
Eun Sik Kim KO 1 Chun Huh
Duke McKenzie W 10 David Moreno
Billy Hardy KO 1 Brian Holmes

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Nana Konadu W 12 Gilberto Roman
(Wins WBC Title)
Khaosai Galaxy KO 12 Kenji Matsumura
(Retains WBA Title)
Jose Ruiz KO 12 Luis Rosario

FLYWEIGHTS
Dave McAuley W 12 Dodie Penalosa
(Retains IBF Title)
Javier Lucas W 10 Miguel Mercedes
Pat Clinton KO 5 Danny Porter
Romy Navarette W 12 Akio Kawamata

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Muangshai Kittikasem KO 7 Tacy Macalos
(Retains IBF Title)
Michael Carbajal W 10 Pedro Feliciano
Michael Carbajal KO 3 Jose Manuel Diaz
Jose DeJesus W 12 Isidro Perez

STRAWWEIGHTS
Jeum Hwan Choi KO 12 Napa Kartwanchai
(Wins WBC Title)

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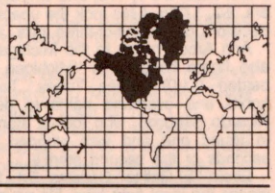

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

►**IRVINE**—At the Irvine Marriott, **Benny Lopez**, 131¾, Upland, stopped **Armando Baez**, 135½, Norwalk, in the second round of a slugfest that saw Baeza flooring Lopez in round one. Lopez came out strong in the second and dropped Baeza with a left hook. Baeza rose at the count of seven, but was defenseless as Lopez battered him until the fight was stopped.

Javier Moreno, 143, drew over four rounds with Rosenberg Rojas, 143½.

Marcos Covarrubias, 126¾, decisioned Geraldo Mercado, 126, over four rounds.

Chester "Little Tiger" Sheppard, 149, decisioned Steve McWilliams, 148¾, over four rounds.

The card was promoted by Don Fraser.
(10-26-89)

►**INGLEWOOD—Michael Dokes**, 253, Los Angeles, won the vacant WBA Intercontinental and California heavyweight titles with an eighth-round knockout over a game but outclassed **Lionel Washington**, 233, Bakersfield. Dokes improved to 41-2-2 (26), while Washington dropped to 7-5 (7).

Cheers for Dokes turned to jeers when the crowd realized that the former world champ was badly out of condition. Dokes landed heavily in the early rounds, with Washington offering only token resistance and a flicking left. But as soon as the underdog gained confidence, he stung Dokes in the third.

Dokes was cut by a head butt in the first, and by another butt in the fourth. Then, Washington floored Dokes with a right after the bell ending the seventh round. But as soon as the eighth began, Dokes went for Washington with a vengeance and caught him with powerful combinations. Washington, dazed, fell to the canvas. He rose, but referee Larry Rozadilla called a hault after 49 seconds. Both the crowd and and Washington protested the stoppage.

Afterward, Dokes complained about a pulled muscle in his back, and said he had not sparred or trained for three weeks. All three judges had Dokes ahead at the time of the stoppage.

Paul Gonzales, 116¾, Montebello, retained the WBA Intercontinental bantamweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over Antonio Lozada, 118, Tijuana, Mexico. The slick Gonzalez pitched a shutout on all cards, (three scores of 120-108) and improved his record to 15-1. Lozada, who announced his retirement after the fight, dropped to 31-9. Gonzalez took control early with his crisp jabs and excellent counterpunching. It was a workmanlike performance, with occasional moments of brilliance.

Alex Garcia, 220, San Fernando, scored a fourth-round kayo over Jim Ashard, 203, Newport, Oregon. Garcia, 14-1, used the weight advantage to pummel Ashard around the ring. The bout was stopped on the advice of the ringside doctor.

Kevin Ford, 232, Los Angeles, blasted his way to a first-round kayo over Steve Cortez, Medford, Oregon.

Oscar Lopez, 130, Mexicali, Mexico, scored a fourth-round knockout over John Chavez, 129¾, Azusa.

Carlos Pereyra, 119, Mexico, registered a first-round stoppage over Victor Miranda, 119½, Mexico.

Josa Ariola, 116½, Los Angeles, outpointed Henrique Lara, 118, San Bernadino, over four rounds.
(11-13-89)

Michael Hepworth

FLORIDA

►**JACKSONVILLE—"Merciless" Ray Mercer**, despite his moniker, actually displayed a high degree of mercy on this night, as he swiftly dispatched a bloated **Arthel Lawhorne** at 1:05 of the second in the 10-round main event at the Jacksonville Coliseum.

It was homecoming for the 1988 Olympic gold medal winner, who left Jacksonville as a young child. Mercer, 211, came in fresh off a first-round TKO of Dino Homsey two weeks earlier. Lawhorne, a former light heavyweight campaigner blown up to a blubbery 239¾, had not fought since a TKO loss to Alex Stewart in March.

Lawhorne started gamely enough, punching in combinations. But Mercer pounced on his foe early in the second frame and rocked him with a wicked five-punch combination. Amazingly, Lawhorne remained upright.

Mercer, however, knew he had Lawhorne in trouble and put him on the canvas with three rights to the head. Lawhorne struggled to his feet, but Mercer decked him again with a flurry of hard right hooks. Referee Mike Boggs halted the affair over Lawhorne's lame protests. The win improved Mercer's record to 9-0 (8). Lawhorne fell to 21-15-2.

Two other former Olympians shared the ringed stage with Mercer, and both came away easy winners.

Riddick Bowe, 226½, the 1988 super heavyweight silver medalist, stopped an overmatched Earl Lewis, 204, Winter Park, at 1:26 of the first; scheduled for six. The win was Bowe's second first-round knockout in four days.

Bowe dropped Lewis early with a left hook-right hand combo. Lewis got up, but a left hook straightened him up and, while he was staring blankly into space, a straight right sent his head through the loose ring ropes. Bowe moved to 8-0 (7); Lewis crashed to 8-8.

Robert Wangila, 150, the 1988 gold medal winner in the welterweight division, had a slightly tougher time in his scheduled six-rounder with Anthony Martinez, 150, Miami, although it seemed he too would join the early-round hit parade.

Martinez kept his left hand low and paid for it in the first round, as Wangila staggered him with one right and dropped him with another. Martinez came on a bit in the second, but Wangila dropped him again in the third.

Wangila (7-0) finally put Martinez (6-3) down for good at 2:29 of the fifth.

Streaking Tommy "The Duke" Morrison, 212¼, ran his record to 17-0 (15) with a knockout of veteran David Jaco at 37 seconds of the first round, scheduled for six. The end came when Morrison starched Jaco with a hard, sweeping left hook. Jaco, 24-14, didn't come close to beating the count.

Beau Johnson, 217, Fort Pierce, won a disputed four-round majority decision over Jacksonville's Tommy Richardson, 189. The scores were 39-38 (twice) and 38-38.

Promoter: Top Rank, Inc.

Referees: Telis Assimenios, Mike Boggs, Brian Garry.

Judges: Frank Skilbred, Jim Aylesworth, Al Lombardi, Howard Reichbach.

Timekeeper: Mark Skilbred

Physician: Dr. Russell Novak, Dr. Ferris George Jr.

Attendance: 2,900 (estimated)

Television: ESPN
(9-19-89)

►**DAYTONA BEACH**—Former IBF junior middleweight champion **Buster Drayton** pounded out a 10-round unanimous decision over local hopeful **Daryl Fromm**, snapping Fromm's seven-fight win streak. The bout was the 35-year-old Drayton's first since losing to Terry Norris in March.

Drayton, 158½, Philadelphia, set the tempo in the first round, backing Fromm, 160½, against the ropes and whacking away with stiff jabs and staight lefts. Drayton remained in control for most of the bout. Early in the final round, a Drayton left sent Fromm to the canvas for an eight-count. But the knockdown was academic, as Drayton won by scores of 98-89 (twice) and 99-88.

Bert Cooper, 221¾, found things much easier against Rick Hoard, 237, than in his previous fight with bodypunching George Foreman. Cooper, 22-5, stopped Hoard, 10-8, at 1:23 of the first; scheduled for six.

Oscala heavyweight Tom Sandner, 219¾, made short work of Clay Pruett, 245, Walnut Hill, knocking him out at 52 seconds of the first; scheduled for six. Sandner is 7-0 (7).

In a battle of debuting heavy heavyweights, Mitchell Sammons, 267, Land O Lakes, scored a TKO over Eddie Winegarner, 246½, Centralia, Illinois, at 1:36 of the first; scheduled for four.

In the walkout bout, Ben Klingenstein, 145¾, Dunedin, moved to 2-0-1 with a unanimous four-round decision over debuting Derryl Tyson, 145¼, Orlando.

Rounding out the evening was a four-round exhibition featuring Mitch "Blood" Green, 249¾, and Marc Middleton, 185, a local television sportscaster. Green was scheduled to meet David Bey, but Bey pulled out because of a shoulder injury.

Promoter: Rick Parker

Referees: Peter Bartlett, Victor Perez

Judges: Tony Palermo, Frank Skilbred, Dan Raicevich

Timekeeper: Mark Skilbred

Physician: Dr. Stanley Stockhammer

Attendance: 600
(9-28-89)

►**JACKSONVILLE**—Former Olympians **Todd Foster** and **Kenny Gould** topped a five-bout card at the Sheraton at St. Johns Place. Both came away easy winners.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Foster, 139½, Houston, made short work of Emilio Sotomayer, 142, Miami, knocking him out at 50 seconds of the second round. Foster lifted his record to 7-0 (7). Sotomayer is 16-4-1.

Gould, 148, stopped Eduardo Valdez, 145, Miami, at 1:22 of the third round in their scheduled eight. Gould is 9-0; Valdez 15-8-2.

Terry Anderson, 216¼, Tampa, scored a TKO over Mike Cohen, 217¾, Hilton Head, South Carolina, at 1:04 of the sixth; scheduled for eight.

Johnny Johnson, 167¼, Vero Beach, took a four-round decision over debuting Henry Henderson, 164¾, Jacksonville.

The walkout bout featured two raw big men, as Vincent Jones, 212½, Martinez, Georgia, knocked out David Potter, 226½, Tallahassee, at 2:47 of the first round; scheduled four.

Promoter: Big Time Boxing Promotions

Referees: Telis Assimenios, Victor Perez, Frank Santore

Judges: Jim Aylesworth, Al Lombardi, Howard Reichbach

Timekeeper: Mark Skilbred

Physicians: Dr. Steven Kamm, Dr. G. Steven Webb

Attendance 250 (estimated)
(10-14-89)

►**JACKSONVILLE**—Local lightweight **Alphonso "The Hawk" Walker**, 132¼, registered a 10-round majority decision over **Luis Andino Loran**, Puerto Rico. Walker upped his record to 12-1-1.

Johnny Gutierrez, 153½, Tampa, stopped Ron Beasley, 151, Miami, when the latter failed to answer the bell for the third round. Gutierrez moved to 18-3-1; Beasley dropped to 12-5-2.

Kenny Gould, 146, bronze medalist at the 1988 Olympics, remained unbeaten as a pro with a TKO of Nestor Pinango, 148, Miami Beach, at 1:04 of the third. Gould is 8-0. The bout was scheduled for six rounds.

Kenneth Kidd, 141, Tampa, scored a TKO over Paul Dewberry, 137½, Theodoe, Alabama, at 1:28 of the fifth of a scheduled six.

Jerry Dorsey, 173, Port Royal, South Carolina, improved to 7-2 with a third- round stoppage of Frank Waters, 168, Duncan, South Carolina, at the 1:38 mark. Waters dipped to 4-5.

Pat Donnelly, 194, Fort Meyers, gained his first win as a pro with a TKO of Antonio Whiteside, 200, Oakview Village, South Carolina, at 1:25 of the second round; scheduled for four.

Promoter: Big Time Boxing Promotions (Phil Meyers)

Referees: Frank Santore, Victor Perez, Telis Assimenios

Judges: Frank Skilbred, Jim Aylesworth, Al Lombardi, Howard Reichbach

Attendance: 350 (estimated)
(9-29-89)

Ken Knox

ILLINOIS

►**CHICAGO**—The fans at the Aragon Ballroom saw the return of Puerto Rican lightweight **Juan Nazario**. In his third Chicago appearence in two years, the WBA's fifth-ranked contender scored an easy third-round TKO over Mexico's **Gino Deleone**.

Deleone, 16-8-1, appeared willing to trade punches, but couldn't match Nazario's speed, power, or accuracy. Deleone's game plan was to stay out of reach and counterpunch, but Nazario kept stepping forward and scoring with stiff jabs to the head and hooks to the body.

In the final round, Nazario's combinations backed Deleone into a corner, and a double left hook sent him to the canvas. Rising at the count of five, Deleone sought refuge in the middle of the ring, but Nazario forced him back to the same corner. A well-timed right cross to the face found its target, and Deleone went down again. He rose at the count of nine, but soon folded again after another series of Nazario combinations. Referee Stanley Berg stopped the fight at 2:08 of round three.

Nazario improved to 21-1-1. The Puerto Rican is hopeful his current knockout streak of three will result in a rematch with countryman and WBA champion Edwin Rosario. Rosario is responsinble for Nazario's only loss, a sixth-round title-fight TKO in Chicago in 1987.

On the undercard, Albert "Boom Boom" Rendon won a majority 10-round decision over Gerald "Weasel" Shelton.

Light heavyweight Dino Stewart pounded mismatched Peter Diaz until the fight was stopped at 1:59 of the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Local prospect Jesse Torres picked apart Randy Reedy until referee Tim Adams halted the six-round bout at 2:30 of round four.

Chicago welterweights John Lark and Ben Baez fought a dull four-rounder, with Lark doing enough to earn the unanimous decision.

The promoter was Rodriguez Promotions. The referees were Tim Adams and Stanley Berg.
(10-21-89)

John Siuntres

INDIANA

►**INDIANAPOLIS**—It was Halloween night, and who better than to make an appearance than **Vampire Johnson**? In the eight-round main event, **Danny Morgan**, 182, Minneapolis, kayoed Johnson, 189, Middletown, Ohio, at 1:53 of the final round. Morgan controlled the bout from the opening bell. The Vampire had his best moment in the fourth, when he hurt Morgan, but couldn't follow up.

Terry Thomas, 146, Lafayette, TKO'd an overmatched Jim Kazmarek, 144½, South Bend, at 2:50 of round three.

Rad Brewer, 255, Frankfort, blasted out Hardy Martin, 265, Oklahoma City, at 26 seconds of the opening round.

Shannon Lang, 172, Lafayette, stopped Elwee Jackson, 179, Oklahoma City, in the first round. The time was 2:30.

In a good contest, Dino Stewart, 176, Muncie, won a four-round unanimous decision over Brad Rone, 182, Cincinnati.

Former national Golden Gloves champion Victor Levine, 152, Kokomo, made his pro debut with a third-round TKO of Bobby Brown, 152½, Memphis. The time was 2:54.

Tim Tomashek and Terry Ray fought an entertaining four-round exibition.

Promoter: Fred Berns

Matchmaker: Pete Susens

Referees: Bill Vaughn, George DeFabis

Judges: Fred Jones, Lance Rhodes, Gary Merritt

Timekeepers: Harold Paton, Ellie DeFabis

Attendance: 450 (estimated)
(10-31-89)

Gary L. Merritt

MARYLAND

►**GLEN BURNIE**—In a demonstration of the effective application of pressure, popular lightweight **Chuck "Pit Bull" Sturm**, 134, Glen Burnie, simply smothered **Keely Thompson**, 135, Washington, D.C., en route to a 10-round unanimous decision that headlined a well-received six-bout boxing/dinner extravaganza.

Sturm, the brawler, was pitted against Thompson, the boxer. The question of whose style would prevail among these equally experienced fighters was answered early when Sturm, 20-2-1, set the tone and made Thompson, 15-5-1, fight his fight.

"I wouldn't allow him to get his punches off," said Sturm. "That's where I have my advantage, because I am in good shape so I can get inside, get my punches off, and smother my opponent."

The strategy worked so well that Sturm completely abandoned his jab. With so many punches landed by the winner, it was unusual to see the lack of jabs.

Among the exchanges were several low blows. Referee Milton Greene finally took a point away from Thompson after several warnings. Sturm, however, wasn't shy about retaliating, and he countered with several low blows of his own.

"The guy's going to fight me dirty, so I am going to fight him dirty," explained Sturm. "After five or six times I was getting irritated by it, so eventually, I just hit him back, which is only fair."

The scoring was one-sided in favor of Sturm. Harry Cecchini saw it 99-90, Terry Moore scored 98-91, and Ray Klingmeyer had it 98-90.

In an incredibly savage six-rounder, Chris Lucas, 147, Fredrick, 6-2, won a unanimous decision over Han Kim, 144, Rockville, 3-9. Lucas discovered that he got the most from his punches when he remained on the outside and got full extension. He mixed up his attack well, however, with some damaging infighting. The referee was Terry Moore.

A veteran of more than 30 fights, Baltimore's Donny Parker, 130, continued his losing ways by dropping a six-round unanimous decision to Efrain "El Gallito" Canales, Archibold, Ohio. Canales, 129, used a patient style in dealing with Parker's awkwardly aggressive approach. He landed a big uppercut in the second round and scored a knockdown. The referee was Klingmeyer.

Heavyweight Charles Dread, Suitland, 220, improved to 2-1-1 by winning a unanimous decision over Sam Adkins, 227, St.Thomas, Pennsylvania, 1-1. The four-rounder provider plenty of action, with both fighters landing heavy blows. The referee was Milton Greene.

Making his pro debut, Percy Harris, 160, landed a vicious left hook to the body of Lee Smith, took a step to the left, and landed a powerful straight right to the center of the chest that stopped his foe at 2:07 of round two of a scheduled four. Smith, 158, Findley, Ohio, fell to 1-1-1. The referee was Klingmeyer.

Butch Kelly, 210, Glen Burnie, won a four-round majority decision over Paul "The Warrior" Ford, 200, Columbus, Ohio. Kelly is 2-0. The referee was Terry Moore. The scoring: Harry Cecchini, 40-37, Milton Green, 40-38, and Ray Klingmeyer, 38-38.

The promoters were Classic Boxing Entertainment, and Max Kisner. The matchmaker was Danny Kisner. The attendance was 800.
(9-21-89)

Fred Blumstein

MICHIGAN

►**AUBURN HILLS**—At the Palace, **Dwight Davison** didn't need to ask for whom the bell tolled. It tolled for him. Papa Hemingway's advice stood in good stead for Davison, 41-5-1, 160, who, at age 34, tempted father time once too often in his NABF middleweight title shot title shot against **Kevin Watts**, 18-5-1, 159, Pleasantville, New Jersey. The Detroit veteran was outpointed by the wily Watts, who knew enough about Davison's unorthodox, layback style to pick his shots and not allow Davison to work the inside. Watts, 28, displayed courage and the ability to stay in control, battering out point after point, round after round. The valiant Davison's future in the Kronk camp is dubious.

Local favorite "Irish" Mike Grable, 8-0, 143½, Clarkston, took only 37 seconds of the first stanza to put a dazed and confused Kelvin Williams, 4-3, 142, Chicago, on the deck. Grable threw three left hooks, any of which could have ended the bout with their crushing, pronated power plowing into Williams' diaphragm. Grable's introductions are lasting longer than his bouts. Watch this rising star; there is a winning look on his face, as well as a winning punch in his gloves.

Maturity, grace under pressure, talent, and experience are beginning to surface for Detroit's Anthony Jones, 22-2-1, 140, as he tattooed a TKO at 2:59 of the second round over an outmanuevered Shelton "Too Sweet" LeBlanc. Jones even switched to southpaw to flummox his lefty foe into offering his chin. Jones is steady and ready.

In counterpoint to the finesse of Grable and Jones came the Pier Six brawl between Detroit's Frank Liles, 6-0-1, 175, and Chicago's James Flowers, 2-2, 173½. Liles took the unanimous four-round decision, or two-out-of-three falls, if you prefer.

Ann Arbor, home to the Michigan Wolverines, is also home base for a "Michigan Hurricane," unbeaten (11-0) James Toney. Toney used right hooks and overhand rights to defeat Louisville's Ricardo Simpson, who took a standing eight-count in round one and was stopped via TKO at 55 seconds of the second stanza.

Efrain "El Gallito" Canales, 5-1, 127, continues to please the local fight fans. He pounded out a workmanlike unanimous six-round decision over Cincinnati's Sonny Long, 125, 12-21. Canales worked the body, threw the occasional left hook, and surprised himself with successful uppercuts. It was so long, Sonny Long, from the opening bell.

Cleveland's Ruben Torres, 6-5-2, 153, has had a couple of successful outings at the Palace, and he's a better boxer than the record would seem to indicate. True to form, Torres gave the fans a show in his eight-round ode de punch with willing Philadelphia opponent Frank Montgomery, 13-5-1. Both men went to duke city for the entire run of 24 minutes, much to the delight of the appreciative crowd of 9,002.

The promoter was Ringside Productions; matchmaker Tom Vaca.

Commissioners: Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum, Jim Burch, Jim Cullen, Ted Kuzmka, Hilmer Kenty, John Jackson

Physicians: Dr. S. Michael Sherbian, Dr. Don Kaplan

Referees: Bobby Watson, Joe Sowerby

Judges: Herb Ellison, J. Hoomain, Charles McHenry

Timekeepers for knockdowns: Joe Kollins, Ken Pace

Ring Announcer: Jim Ingram
(10-12-89)

Thomas F. Paruszkiewicz

MINNESOTA

►**ST. PAUL**—At the Roy Wilkins Auditorium, **Mike Evgen**, 138, ran his unbeaten record to 8-0 with an eight-round split decision over **Walter (Raheem Muhammad) Cowans Jr.**, 138. Evgen won the Minnesota junior welterweight title.

Evgen scored with damaging body shots, while Cowan's experience allowed him to slip out of trouble. Cowan's good left jab and shifty style made Evgen miss often. Evgen, who went eight rounds for the first time, appeared tired in the later rounds. Cowan now is 15-54-1.

Calvin Edwards, 154, Milwaukee, stopped Frank Newton, 153, St. Paul, in the fifth round. Newton could not solve the southpaw style of Edwards. Newton is 3-1. Edwards is 1-1.

Jay Fudge, 140, Minneapolis, 1-0, outpointed Albert Grady, 140, Milwaukee, 0-3, over five rounds.

Derek Brown, 184, Minneapolis, 1-0, stopped Jim Mauria, 199, Milwaukee, 0-1, in the first round.

Bobby Ansler, 132, Hiawatha, Iowa, 1-1, outpointed Blaine Biers, 132, Rochester, 0-1, over five rounds.

Scott Robinson, 120, Chippewa Falls, 1-0, stopped Orlando Valencia, 123, Milwaukee, 0-2-1, in the first round.

Horace Craft, 199, Cudahy, Wisconsin, 2-0, decisioned Jordan Keepers, 181, Milwaukee, over four rounds.

The promoters were Joel Montpetit and Jim Rogers. The referees and judges were Denny Nelson, Mert Herrick, and Leroy Benson. The attendance was an estimated 3,000.
(10-11-89)

George D. Blair

MISSOURI

►**ST. LOUIS**—Former IBF junior middleweight champion **Darrin Van Horn**, 160, Lexington, Kentucky, scored a lopsided unanimous decision over **Saleem Muhammed**, 160, Miami, in the 10-round main event at the Clarion Hotel Ballroom. The scores were 100-91 (twice) and 100-90. Van Horn, 43-1 (25), said he has signed for a rematch with Gianfranco Rosi in early 1990. Rosi took Van Horn's belt via unanimous decision in July.

Antoine Byrd, 162½, San Diego, stopped Franklin Owens, 163, Oklahoma City, at 1:35 of the third in a scheduled 10.

Anthony "Two Gun" Williams, 149, Dallas, scored an eight-round unanimous decision over local favorite Darryl Anthony, 149. Scores were 78-76 and 77-75 twice.

Carl Daniels, 146, St. Louis, kayoed Jerry Grant, 144, Dallas, at 2:20 of the opening round. Daniels, who was also dropped in the first round, improved to 10-0 (7).

Sid Taylor, 161½, St. Louis, scored a unanimous decision over Gary Thomas, 161, Evansville, Indiana, in six.

Chad Parker, 154½, Biloxi, Mississippi, remained unbeaten with a third-round knockout over Oscar Caston, 154, St. Louis. Parker is 10-0 (10).

Paul Carlo, 169¾, St. Louis, stopped Johnny Simmons, 169, Memphis, at 2:10 of the first round.

In a matchup between two local fighters, Fred Norwood, 128, got the nod over Ron Freeman, 127, over four rounds.

Promoter: Cedrick Kushner, Howell's Gateway Boxing Promotions

Attendance: 1,500

TV: SportsChannel America
(10-9-89)

Bruce Williams & Brent Williams

NEVADA

►**LAS VEGAS—"Irish" Brett Lally** is a pleasant young man when hs's not working, but with boxing gloves, he's a swarming brawler who makes life miserable for his opponents.

The 26-year-old Lally, Detroit, did it again against rugged **Tomas Perez**. There were no knockdowns, but it was a hard war, as Lally made his Las Vegas debut with a unanimous 10-round decision over the 29-year-old California junior middleweight champion, who entered the ring as the WBC's number-six contender.

Lally, 156, improved to 24-4 (14), while Perez, 153, Riverside, California, who had been inactive since March, skidded to 21-4 (14).

Perez, trying to jab his way out of danger, won the first round on two cards, but didn't win another round until the eighth. The younger brother of former world-ranked contender Cubanito Perez also won the 10th, but the rest of the fight belonged to Lally.

Judge Dalby Shirley saw it 97-93, Paul Smith voted 98-93, and Dave Moretti scored 97-93, all for Lally.

Lally's pressuring style made Perez fight inside, which he really didn't want to do. "Lally was stronger than I thought," Perez said. "He kept charging me with his head down, and it made punching accurately difficult. It's no excuse, but I didn't get in any clean shots. That's no alibi. Lally was able to fight his fight and he won the decision."

Lally admitted there was too much butting, which resulted in a cut over Perez's left brow in the seventh round. Lally also finished with a cut over his left eye.

"After the first round, I knew I could overpower him and outmuscle him in the clinches," the winner said. "None of the butting was intentional, it was just the way we were fighting."

In a mild upset, "Indian" Joe Hipp, 235, Eugene, Oregon, proved his punching power when "Irish" Sean McClain, 217, Rio Roncho, New Mexico, was unable to come out for the fifth round of a scheduled six-rounder. Hipp, who had upset Cleveland Woods by decision in July, totally dominated McClain with hooks and uppercuts to the body. Hipp then knocked McClain flat on his back with a left-right to the jaw in round four. McClain beat the count on unsteady legs, and the bell clearly saved him from a knockout. But ringside physican Dr. Donald Romeo ordered the bout stopped. Hipp moved to 9-1 (5), while McClain fell to 9-2 (9).

Leroy Owens, 152, Las Vegas, surprised the highly touted Greg Lonon, 150, Las Vegas, with his stick-and-move strategy and earned a six-round draw. There were no knockdowns. Owens is 7-1-2 (2), while Lonon is 6-0-1 (5).

In the best action of the night, Sergio Vela, 139, Las Vegas, got off the canvas in the first round to drop Arturo Arrellano, 138, Los Angeles, in the final round to earn a unanimous four-round victory. Both fighters bled profusely throughout the fight. Vela is 3-0 (2), while Arrellano is 2-1 (1).

Cleveland Woods, 221, Las Vegas, is now 6-1 (6) after chilling Charles Woolard, 219, Oklahoma City, at 2:59 of the first round. Woolard is 6-2-1 (2).

Former Olympian Kelcie Banks, 135, Chicago, reached 2-1 as a pro with a TKO over Francisco Venture, 135, Los Angeles, at 55 seconds of the third round.

Dan Cherry, 161, Burlington, Canada, rolled to 11-0 (5) when he TKO'd Rick Jarvis, 162, Portland, Oregon, at 1:35 of the third round. Jarvis fell to 10-4-1.
(9-26-89)

►**LAS VEGAS—Alfred Rangel** utilized a sharp memory, as well as fast combinations, to surprise **Abe Gomez** at the Showboat.

The upset 10-round decision victory enabled the 21-year-old San Antonio featherweight to enhance his main event status with Top Rank. It also ended the frustrations that had haunted Rangel since his July appearance against Louie Espinoza, a controversial decision loss. After that bout, ESPN's switchboard lit up with complaints.

When matchmaker Bruce Trampler informed Rangel he could return to face the hard-hitting Gomez, the Texan vowed he would leave no doubt about the outcome.

"I wasn't worried about the judges this time, but I knew they were out there," Rangel reflected. "I hurt my right hand in the fourth round, when I jolted Gomez twice. It might have ruined any chance I had for a knockout."

Rangel was a 2-1 underdog. He improved to 18-6 (10), while Gomez, the IBF's number-10 contender, dropped to 15-3 (8). It was the 23-year-old Californian's first loss in three Las Vegas outings, having previously knocked out Tony Duran and decisioning Jeff Franklin.

Rangel was simply too swift of hand and foot, and Gomez couldn't position himself to throw the kind of body shots that has been the strength of his offense. Rangel, one pound heavier at 127, dominated with a steady, if not spectacular, assault.

Rangel just missed a shutout, as Dalby Shirley had it 99-90, Dave Moretti scored 99-91, and Patricia Jarman scored 99-92.

The mustachioed Gomez made no excuses. "I was chasing Rangel, but I could never catch him to hit him squarely," he said. "He's the best fighter I have met in Vegas. This guy was able to stay with his gameplan, and he outboxed me. That was it."

In an eight-round semifinal, Freddie Hernandez, 127, Imperial, California, started fast and held off the late rush of Tony Duran, 127½, Denver, to win a unanimous decision. Hernandez improved to 10-3 (7), while Duran dropped to 11-4 (8).

Robert Wangila, 146, Las Vegas, lifted his record to 8-0 (5) when he knocked out Roddy Blake, 147, Lubbock, Texas, at 1:17 of the first round of a scheduled six-rounder.

Wangila, the 1988 Olympic welterweight gold medalist from Nairobi, Kenya, decked Blake with the first right that he threw. Another right had the Texan on the floor again. When Wangila stretched his opponent for a third time, with a left-right, referee Davey Pearl ended the bout. Blake, the older brother of former lightweight contender Robin Blake, skidded to 7-3 (7).

Kennedy McKinney, 126, the 1988 Olympic bantamweight gold medalist, was extended in winning a four-round split decision over tough Jose Martinez, 126, Hanford, California. McKinney improved to 5-0 (2), but failed his postfight urinalysis and subsequently entered a 90-day drug rehabilitation program.

Kelcie Banks, 134, another former 1988 Olympian who is now based in Las Vegas, had too much finesse for mismatched Benji Vigil, 134, Denver. Banks, quietly feeling his way as a pro after being upset in the first round of competition at the Olympics, raised his mark to 3-1 (2), while Vigil dropped to 11-1 (6).

Chris Sande, 160, another Kenyan import now in Las Vegas, won his second straight when he stopped rugged Juan Sanchez, 162, Las Vegas, at 23 seconds of the fourth round. Sanchez, who made his pro debut, is a former three-time Nevada Golden Goves champion.

Leroy Owens, 153, Las Vegas, used left hooks to wear down Ernest Williamson, 152, Los Angeles, at 2:52 of the third round. Owens improved to 8-1-2 (2), while Williamson dropped to 5-2.
(10-31-89)

►**LAS VEGAS—Matthew Hilton** learned about a boxing layoff the hard way at Bally's casino.

Neither the 23-year-old former IBF junior middleweight champion, nor his father/trainer, Davey Hilton Sr., were particulary delighted by the way the fighter disposed of rugged **Tim Williams**.

Except for the two thunderous right hands that created a TKO in the 10th and final round, Hilton was fully extended. It was his first start since losing the crown to Robert Hines last November.

Bruce Trampler, Top Rank matchmaker, said he would accommodate Hilton with a return in a 10-round assignment as soon as possible, and hopefully before the year expires.

Hilton, Montreal's fistic hero, 30-1 (24), was a victim of a first-round flash knockdown. Williams, the ex-Marine from San Diego, 16-11-1 (11), caught Hilton with a short left hook late in the round after ignoring the Canadian's patented right and left hooks to the body.

Middleweight Matthew Hilton

Hilton was up quickly, taking referee Richard Steele's count to eight before the bell rang. It was the first time in 136 bouts—amateur and pro—that the baby-faced Hilton had ever been off his feet.

"I was up right away and I'm not sure it was really a knockdown," Hilton said. "I know not having my father here to train me was a factor, and that will never happen again. If they call it a knockdown, that's it, but it made me very mad. I got hit with shots that I shouldn't have been hit with after going down. I had only one thought, and that was knockout."

Although he couldn't put combinations together as planned, Hilton's bread and butter offense remains those torrid blows to the ribcage, where the impact is heard 10 rows back. Williams either sponged up the punishment or blocked the shots with the tips of his elbows. No less than six times, Hilton's punches were a tad below the waistline. Steele, however, warned him only once.

Going into the last round, Hilton was headed for a split decision. Billy Graham had Williams leading 87-85, while Chuck Giampa had Hilton in front by the same score. Jerry Roth saw a more comfortable lead, 88-84, for the former champ. All three tabbed the first round 10-10, when Williams rallied for the late knockdown.

Sensing that the decision might be in jeopardy, Hilton drove Williams to the center of the ring with hooks to the body, and then drove him flat on his back with a booming right to the chin. Williams struggled to his feet, but Hilton forced him to the ropes, and Steele stopped the fight with 25 seconds gone in the 10th round.

In an eight-round junior welterweight semifinal, comebacking Texan "Rockin" Robin Blake, 141, won a unanimous decision over Rosenberg Rosas, 142, Los Angeles, and ran his record to 38-7 (21). Rosas dropped to 14-10 (9).

Vincent Phillips, 141, Las Vegas, had too many guns for Jose Luis Nino, 142, Los Angeles, scoring a TKO at 2:30 of the first round. Phillips is 8-0 (7). Nino fell to 18-7 (14).

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KO

Cleveland Woods Jr., 221, Las Vegas, finally gunned down Tevin George, 242, Marrero, Louisiana, and recorded a TKO at 1:51 of the fourth round. Woods is 7-1 (6), while George is 2-1.

Chris Sande, 160, an Olympic bronze medalist from Kenya now based in Las Vegas, made his pro debut with a unanimous four-round decision over John Tunstall, 161, Las Vegas.

Jose Jiminez, 146, Los Angeles, registered a four-round verdict over Las Vegas' Pat Archer. Jiminez is 1-3-1.
(10-10-89)

Jack Welsh

►**LAKE TAHOE—Karama Leota** kept his 25-bout winning streak alive by scoring an easy 10-round unanimous decision over a game but outclassed **Ernie Valentine**.

A crowd of 600 at the High Sierra Sequoia Ballroom witnessed the fight.

Leota repeatedly backed his opponent into the ropes and racked him with straight rights and left hooks. The contender from Napa, California, was in command from the start. The judges scored it a near-shutout: Lillian Runningwolf and Herb Santos saw it 99-91, and John McSweeny scored 100-90, all for Leota, 25-1. Valentine dropped to 19-7.

Jean Pouliot, Carson City, lost for the second time in as many pro bouts when he was floored en route to a four-round decision loss to Hector Torres, South Lake Tahoe. Torres was making his pro debut.

In a junior lightweight war, George Parra, Vallejo, California, came off the canvas in round one to stop San Jose's Jessie Martinez at 1:08 of the third round.

In another scheduled four-rounder, welterweight Danny Chavez, Napa, California, dropped Kevin Heck, Portland, Oregon, and had his foe against the ropes and helpless in the second. Referee Norm Budden stopped the fight 27 seconds into the second round.

In a six-round junior welterweight bout, Richard Garcia, Stockton, California, TKO'd Denzil Surrall at 2:53 of the second round.

Matchmakers: Gary Sullenger, Ted Walker
Attendence: 600 (estimated)
Judges: Keith MacDonald, John McSweeny, Lilian Runningwolf
(10-27-89)

NEW JERSEY

►**ATLANTIC CITY**—Two hulking Swedish fighters produced opposite results atop a brutal and sometimes ugly card of vicious knockdowns at Trump Plaza. The one who went the wrong way ... straight down ... was main eventer **Anders Eklund**, picked to begin the rebuilding of **Tim Witherspoon** on a card promoted by Witherspoon's manager, Dennis Rappaport. Eklund, 18-5-1 (11), was a passably good foe, having faced some decent opponents, and even beaten a few. But at a pachydermous 253½, the hudge Swede looked like a good bet to lose a shoving match with the notoriously unpredictable and lazy "Spoon," 231, Philadelphia.

It started out that way, as Eklund tended to shoulder his way to close quarters, where the two tested each other's strength like a couple of bull seals vying for a few feet of beach. But Witherspoon conned Ecklund into a brief jabbing contest, and it was all he needed to launch a screaming right hand that left the giant twiching slowly on the mat at just 1:11 of the first round.

"I don't want to see anyone hurt, but it's a brutal sport," commented the victorious Spoon. "You've got to keep going on." The referee was Tony Orlando.

The other Swede, hulking Halken Brock, fared better, if one enjoys a somewhat distorted definition of the word. Brock, 232, Lunde, Sweden, via Sunrise, Florida, devastated Charles Dread, 213¾, Laurel, Maryland, at 1:58 of the first round of a four-rounder. Dread, a policeman, went down from a jab, and then was sent flying from a battering-ram right. In a dreadful scene, the downed fighter attempted to ward off his rescuers in delirium. He had to be strapped to a stretcher and removed from the ring. He fell into a state of unconsciousness and was taken to a local hospital. He eventually improved from critical to stable condition and was released. The referee was Ted Pick.

Not in an overly tough match for a change, Jeff Lampkin, 195, Youngstown, Ohio, had a dull gym workout against hopelessly inexperienced Ed Smith, 195, Gary, Indiana, in a scheduled 10. in the deciding round, Lampkin decided to end the listless performance and poleaxed Smith with a screaming right for a TKO at 1:50 of the ninth round. The referee was Orlando.

Anthony Hembrick, 178½, Detroit, had a similary easy time stopping Manuel Murillo, 179, Cali, Colombia, via Miami, at 34 seconds of the second round of a scheduled six-rounder. The outclassed Murillo was down once in each round. The referee was Orlando.

Riddick Bowe, 230¼, Brooklyn, won in easy fashion against Pennsylvania's Mike Acey, 216, in a scheduled four-rounder. Acey was dropped three times for a TKO at 2:26 of the first. The last right uppercut left him motionless. The referee was Pick.

Southpaw Tony Zayas, 144, Trenton, spoiled the debut of touted Jeff Schuyler, 140½, Floral Park, New York, who was down for the count at 3:05 of the first round of a scheduled four. The referee was Pick.

Promoter: Dennis Rappaport
Matchmakers: Mike Acri, Dennis Rappaport
Attendance: 1000 (estimated)
TV: USA Network
Judges: Milo Savage, Frank Brunette, John Riley
Timekeeper: Art Spell
Ring Announcer: Ed Derian
(10-19-89)

►**ATLANTIC CITY**—Black Entertainment Television launched a monthly boxing series with **Maurice Blocker**, 150, Washington, D.C., pounding out a unanimous 10-round verdict over Alabama's **"Jesse" James Hughes**, 148, Mobile. But the vast underdog managed a stubborn stand. Deapite the addition of trainers Eddie Futch and Nelson Brison, the nearly forgotten Blocker has yet to regain the luster that led him to his losing title shot against Lloyd Honeyghan in 1987.

The club-styled Southerner was tough, determined, and aggressive, but simply lacked the skills to match the classy "Thin Man." Persistance paid off enough to occasionally jolt the favored contender, but it wasn't enough to launch a consistant, effective attack. Blocker punished Hughes with an assortment of punches and settled for a decision by scores of: Al DeVito, 99-92, John Stewart, 100-90, and Phil Newman, 100-88. The referee was Steve"Double S" Smoger.

St. Louis' ballyhooed Finger twins made different impressions. At 141, Terrell Finger bowled over durable Angel Gonzales, 133, Philadelphia, who was dissected with a surgeon's touch, and not allowed out for the second round of the scheduled six. Smoger was the referee.

On the other hand, Lavell Finger, 147, had a much harder time, as he was all thumbs in struggling to an unpopular but just unanimous decision over Michael Hopper, 150, Irvington, in another six-rounder. The referee was Rafael Ramos.

Glen Thomas, 163, Louisville/Wilmington, Delaware, tracked down Bob Caneus, 156½, Orlando, who dropped and spit out his mouthpiece from a scorching body attack and was TKO'd at 1:36 of the fourth, scheduled six. Smoger refereed.

Once one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of promoter Russell Peltz, Andre Sharpe Richardson returned after four years absence and looked like he never left. Under new management, Richardson, 152, Philadelphia, cut down a scrambling Clarence Chamblis, 146, New Orleans, at 2:33 of the second round, scheduled for six. A vigorous body attack and left hooks to the head dropped Chamblis once in the first and three times in the second for an automatic TKO. The referee was Ramos.

Southpaw William Guthrie, 175, St. Louis, beat up and TKO'd Chris Collins, 177, Grenada via Brooklyn, on a cut right eye after three of a scheudled four-rounder. The referee was Ramos.

Promoter: Butch Lewis Productions
Matchmaker: Harold Weston Jr.
Attendence: 300 (estimated)
Timekeeper: Art Spell
Announcer: Ed Derian
(11-3-89)

►**ATLANTIC CITY**—At Resorts International, **Nigel Benn** made his American debut in a low-key, but effective, fashion. Though there were no splashy fireworks, Benn, 162½, London, was actually able to look good against the dreaded spoiler **Jorge Amparo**, 162, La Romana, Dominican Republic, in a rugged, gruelling 10-rounder. After flattening his first 21 opponents, Benn had been tagged with the unevenviable reputation of a front-running slugger, only to fail miserably in collapsing from fatigue on national TV against Michael Watson. But while most opponents have to settle with escaping with a disputed verdict over Amparo, Benn was able to win in convincing fashion. He peppered his foe with a stinging jab from outside, then rolled deftly from the waist to take the pain out of the Dominican's buzzsaw attack when action moved in close. All the while, Benn's sharper combos found their mark on the stationary Amparo.

Frank Cairo voted 97-93, John Stewart had it 99-

92, and Rocky Castellani scored 100-90, all for the winner. The referee was Frank Cappuccino.

Charless urray, 141½, Essex County, si made easy work of a difficult opponent by dispatching Francisco Mesquita, 142, Sao Paulo, Brazil, via New York City, at 2:25 of the sixth round, scheduled for eight. The loser's corner finally tossed in the towel. The referee was Joe O'Neil.

The least heralded of the "Triple Threat" boxers, Alfred Cole, showed he's keeping step, nonetheless. Cole, 184, Essex County, was too much for dangerous Harrison Pearson, 185¼, Camden, in a savagely-fought scheduled six. A fifth-round showdown saw Cole finally crumbling Pearson for the count with a right underneath and a left hook at 2:38. The referee was O'Neil.

Levander Johnson, 130½, Atlantic City, withstood a test in beating Alberto Diaz, 129, New York City, in a unanimous four. Johnson dropped Diaz for good measure in the second round of a bristling battle. O'Neil was the referee.

Donnie Archer, 123, Clementon, New Jersey, took a unanimous decision over lefty Alberto Mercado, 122¼, Philadelphia, in a bitterly contested four. Cappuccino was the referee.

Straight-forward Eduardo Leon, 148, New York City, proved a bit too strong for shifty Jibril Jamel, 147, Philadelphia, and won a unanimous four-round decision. Cappuccino was the referee.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.)
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner, Ron Katz
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
TV: Telemundo
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker
Ring Announcer: Oscar Rosario
(10-20-89)

►**NEWARK**—At the Robert Treat (Quality Inn) Hotel, three tyros attempted to build a card around local prima dona Wali Muhammad. Though the self-managed Muhammad checked out, the show went on anyway, giving two undercard fighters a rare chance to upgrade to main-event status. And they fought like they appreciated it. Slippery **William "Bo" James**, 155, Newark, used his slick moves and long reach to get off to a quick lead over pressing **Mack Brown**, 156, Hempstead, New York, in a scheduled 10. Seemingly aware that he was behind, Brown stepped up his attack in a frenzied attempt to close the gap. But the task called for reckless abandon, which left him open for sneak right counters that hurt him in the sixth and dumped him in the ninth. Brown arose, but was getting battered when referee Earl Morton stopped it at the 2:46 mark. At the time of the stoppage, Brown was even on Eugene Grant's card, 76-76, while trailing slightly on the cards of Eva Shain and John Potura, 77-75 and 78-76, respectively.

Ricardo Salazar, 136, Elizabeth/West Orange, is making a career of beating Javier Lopez Chavez, 137, Zacatecas, Mexico, via Orange. Salazar won by unanimous decision in a rugged six-round bout. The determined Lopez was coming on against the classy Salazar, but the winner clinched the victory in the sixth round of this, their third meeting. The referee was Paul Venti.

Improving Jose Aries, 147, Providence, Rhode Island, blitzed poor James Crosby, 147, Irvington, who suffered two vicious knockdowns in being kayoed at 2:37 of the first round in a scheduled four-rounder. The referee was Venti.

Spindly Juan Negron, 131, Ponce, Puerto Rico, via Newark, whirlwinded Robert Johnson, 133, Washington, D.C., to a standing eight-count in the second, but Johson hung on. Negron took a unanimous verdict in a rip-roaring four-rounder. The referee was Morton.

Promoter: 1st Round Promotions & Ring Star Promotions
Matchmaker: Mike Guadagno
Attendance: 325 (estimated)
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert
Announcer: Ed Derian
(10-11-89)

►**ATLANTIC CITY**—Still offering excuses for his shabby title loss to Jeff Harding, **Dennis Andries**, 177, Detroit, regrouped for yet another run at the crown with a solid win over **Arthur Jimmerson**, 175, St. Louis, in 10 rounds. Once a vaunted amateur, Jimmerson's pro career has gone nowhere in particular, with the lone highlight being a career-ending upset of Lenny LaPaglia. A lookalike for New Jersey commission judge Milo Savage, Jimmerson used an odd style consisting mainly of gritting his teeth and raising his guard until the aggressive Andries blasted him. Then he would try to counter.

This made for some bruising inside exchanges in the early rounds, as well as provoking indelicacies like foul tactics, fighting after the bell, and verbal badinage. But it was no way to face the rugged former titlist, who walked right to and almost through the grimacing Jimmerson. The loser took a lot of punishment in the fifth round, and then began to give ground. By the late rounds he was moving away and conceding much of the battle.

"When I decided to go outside, I thought I was effective at keeping him off; I just didn't throw enough punches," Jimmerson offered in explanation. The scoring: Joe Pasquale, 100-88, Thomas Kaczmarek, 100-90, and Richard F. Murry 99-91. The referee was Joe Cortez.

Touted Billy Bridges, 160, Charlotte, didn't look especially impressive despite a two-knockdown TKO of Rick Kaiser, 160, Winner, San Diego, at 2:13 of the second, scheduled eight. Bridges didn't get going until Kaiser waivered after suffering a badly cut left eye. But once he saw blood, Bridges did put Kaiser away with a clean right. Rafael Ramos was the referee.

Sharmba Mitchell, 136, Washington, D.C., did impress, cleaning up and stopping veteran Juan "Chickie" Torres, 132½, Cayey, Puerto Rico, via Hartford, at the end of the third, scheduled eight. Torres was dropped in the first, and had his right eye closing when his corner waved it off.

James "Lights Out" Toney, 162, Ann Arbor, Michigan, kayoed Robert "Disco Bob" Clinton, 168, New York City, at 1:24 of the first, scheduled six. Toney closed the disco early when Clinton couldn't dance away from his sharp combinations. A sneaky right started him jiggling, and a double left hook and right cross filled his dance card for the evening.

Ricky Meyers, 142, Port Reading, routed Greg Cadiz, 140½, Hartford, for a TKO at 2:02 of the second, scheduled six. A left hook to the ribs folded Cadiz the first time, then a furious two-handed assault forced a standing eight and another knockdown.

Boyd Gardner, 128, Detroit, was getting a good fight from returning Jose Parrilla, 126, Juncos, Puerto Rico, via Philly, until a cut left eye TKO'd the Puerto Rican at 1:52 of the fifth, scheduled six.

Keith Holmes, 148, Washington, D.C., won a hard-fought unanimous decision over a disappointed Kilpatrick Mitchell, 150, Trenton, four.

The card was promoted by Frank Gelb, Stan Hoffman, and Bill Kozerski. It was televised by USA Network. The attendance was an estimated 1,300.
(10-26-89)

J.R. Jowett

NEW MEXICO

►**ALBUQUERQUE—Henry Anaya Jr.**, 147½, Albuquerque, scored a 10-round unanimous decision over **Miguel Angel Dominguez**, 146½, Mexico City. Anaya, 15-1 (10), dominated the welterweight champion of Mexico, who dropped to 34-7-1 (20).

Tommy Cordova, 128, Albuquerque, decisioned Jesus Muniz, 133, El Paso, in eight rounds.

Former WBC super welterweight champion Duane Thomas, 164, Detroit, scored a unanimous decision over Tom Covington, 169, Sacramento, in eight rounds. Thomas is 30-3 (22).

Unbeaten Danny Perez, 160, Albuquerque, decisioned Mike Scer, 161, Phoenix, in four rounds. Perez improved to 4-0 (2).

Danny Almanzar, 150, Albuquerque, took a four-round nod over Anthony Chavez, 146, Albuquerque.
(10-13-89)

Bruce Williams

NEW YORK

►**NEW YORK CITY**—In one of the better cards presented by Madison Square Garden Boxing—this one at the Beacon Theatre—Brooklyn southpaw lightweight **Tunde Foster**, 137, was surprised by obscure Venezuelan **William Rojas**, 136, and stopped in the 10th round.

Rojas, 13-4-1 (4), overpowered the game Foster from the start, first with power hooks, and then with single right crosses. Whenever Foster answered, Rojas failed to acknowledge the blows.

A right floored Foster in the 10th. After Rojas added a pair of booming following rights, Francis Romano, Foster's trainer, tossed a white towel into the ring, and referee Arthur Mercante Jr. halted the bout at the 1:38 mark. Foster, 22-2-1 (16), was trailing on the cards by two, three, and seven points.

In another scheduled 10-rounder, sizzling Bronx featherweight Ricardo Cepeda, 125½, chased Puerto Rico's Nelson Rodriguez, 125, until Rodriguez was disqualified in round five by referee Nick Drake for excessive holding. Cepeda is 14-0-1 (11). Rodriguez, who boasted of a draw with WBA 126-pound champion Antonio Esparragoza, claims a mark of 16-8-2 (5).

In a third 10-rounder, Brooklyn middleweight Merqui Sosa, 163, a raw but exciting prospect, outpointed the still-useful Sanderline Williams. 162, Cleveland, over 10 rounds. The scores were 100-90, 100-90, and 99-91. Sosa was much stronger than his foe, who represented a major step up in class. Sosa sold $4,000 worth of tickets. He is 14-0 (10), and Williams is 24-9 (14). The referee was Drake.

Kevin Marston, 131, Jamaica, scored an eight-round decision over Harold Warren, 130, Corpus Christi. Warren, the brother of former junior welterweight contender Frankie Warren, is 11-3. Marston is 10-2 (3). The referee was Oscar Perez.

Willy Wise, 147, Westbury, and Stephan Johnson, 146, Brooklyn, extended each other and settled for a six-round majority draw. It was arguably the best New York City undercard bout of the year. Johnson, who started quickly but faded late, is 9-3-1 (5). Wise is 7-0-2 (2). The referee was Mercante Jr.

"Poison" Junior Jones, 115, Brooklyn, a promising bantamweight, won by fifth-round disqualification over tall Ruben Navarez, 118, Fort Worth. Referee Drake stepped in after Navarez, 4-3-1 (3), bit Jones, 5-0 (2).

In another corking prelim bout, Raul Tirado, 135, New York City, outpointed Ricardo Salazar, 135, West Orange, New Jersey. Tirado is 6-2-2 (2). Salazar is 6-1. The referee was Drake.

Judges: Johnny Colan, George DeGabriel, Bernie Friedkin
Matchmakers: Bob Goodman, Pat Fleming
Ring Announcer: Ed Derian
Attendance: 1,330
(11-16-89)

Steve Farhood

►**BROOKLYN—Riddick Bowe's** second neighborhood appearance fell through when the designated victim, Mike Cohen, was judged physically unequal to the task. The show at Gleason's Arena went on, sans main event, and it was so good that Bowe wasn't really missed. Donny Leonardo, 162, Tottenville, gained a majority verdict over Terry Barnes, 159, New Orleans via Manhattan, in a rousing four. After suffering a flash knockdown in the first, the peppery Barnes gave the super-aggressive Leonardo trouble. But Leonardo's strength and harder hitting earned him the edge in an otherwise even struggle. The referee was Arthur Mercante Jr.

Winless Chris Collins, 175½, Brooklyn, scored a big upset by stopping "Terminator" Coles, 175, Brooklyn, after two rounds of a scheduled six. Terminator seemed to self-destruct after suffering a wickedly mangled right eye. The referee was Fred Ucci.

Unheralded Donald Allison, 144, Georgetown, Guyana, via Brooklyn, scored a fine unanimous win over Curtis Exum, 147, Madison, Wisconsin, in a hard-fought six. Allison's sharper hands made the slugging Exum pay for trespassing. Exum suffered a closed right eye, and Allison had the strength to handle Exum at close quarters. The referee was Mercante Jr.

Aureliano Sosa, 150½, Puebla, Mexico, pounded game Kilpatrick Mitchell, 150, Trenton, New Jersey, to a unanimous points loss in a one-sided four-rounder. The exhausted Mitchell took a standing eight-count in the final round. The referee was Ucci.

Touted Juan Rivera, 137½, Brooklyn, came off the canvas in the first round to bury Augustine Centeno, 140, Brooklyn, with a booming right at 55 seconds of the second round, scheduled for four. The referee was Mercante Jr.

Alan Brown, 134, Brooklyn, fought off fatigue and Lamont Everett, 134, Ashebro, North Carolina, to gain a narrow four-round majority verdict. The referee was Ucci.

Promoter: Charles Rapp Enterprises
Matchmaker: Harold Weston Jr.
Attendance: 300
Judges: Bernie Friedkin, Nick Cimino, Danny Whalen

J.R. Jowett

NORTH DAKOTA

►**GRAND FORKS—Harold Miller** retained the North Dakota lightweight title with a unanimous decision over **Mario Rivera**, Minneapolis, in the 10-round main event. Miller is 7-2, while Rivera dropped to 5-10.

Howard Stern, Omaha, kayoed Bill Evans, Chicago, at 1:04 of the eighth round in a scheduled eight-round middleweight fight.

Junior middleweight John LeGarde, Duluth, Minnesota, stopped Mark Pudwill, Mandan, at 1:04 of the fourth.

Jim Lee Smith, Minneapolis, TKO'd Doug Kornelson, Winnipeg, Canada, in the third round of their four-round heavyweight encounter.

Forrest "Fire" Booker, Grand Forks, TKO'd Alex

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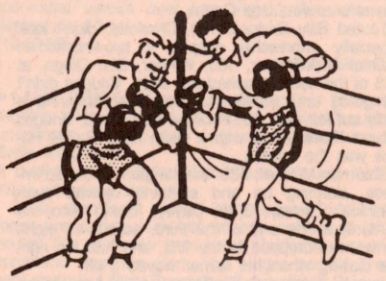

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White, Kansas City, in the first of a scheduled four-rounder at lightweight. Booker is 2-0. (10-14-89)

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PENNSYLVANIA

►**PHILADELPHIA**—What started out as an exciting local showdown at the Blue Horizon generated into an evening of shenanigans. Anthony Boyle was to have faced adopted Ohioan **Frankie Mitchell**, but Boyle suffered a cut in training. Promoter Dan Duva entered, offering Mitchell a shot at John-John Molina's IBF junior lightweight crown, assuming he would beat sub **Mario "El Gato" Ramirez**.

"If Mitchell looks good in beating Ramirez, I think NBC will decide to buy the fight," stated Duva. Gee, don't the ratings decide such things, based on the merits and ability of the fighter?

Ushered in by Duva cornermen Art Cavaliere and Ace Marotta, Ramirez, 134, Paterson, dropped from a right in the second round of the scheduled 10. He couldn't beat the count of referee Ozzie Sadler, and was finished at 2:35 of the round. It was only the ninth kayo for Mitchell, 134, South Philadelphia, who hasn't earned high regard from the savvy local fans despite going 23-0 and seeming to have the requisite tools.

In the co-feature, local favorite Mike Brown, 147½, North Philadelphia, gained a disputed unanimous 10-round decision over prodigal Joey Ferrell, 149½, also North Philadelphia. Returning under a new trainer, George James, Ferrell, who is usually wild in the ring,showed uncharacteristic discipline. Boxing deftly in reverse, he worked his way to an early lead. Brown edged back into the fight in the second half and took the decision.

Al Morris was just about correct at 46-45, while Larry Hazzard Jr. had it 47-44, and Frank Martin scored an uncharitable 47-42.

"I'm back and they took it from me; I put a boxing lesson on him," squawked the likeable Ferrell. The referee was O'Neil.

In a scheduled four, referee Sadler gave Ben Say-Say, 152, North Philadelphia, every opportunity to salvage a win, but it was no favor. After a spectacular first round against Leo Edwards, 152½, North Philadelphia, Say-Say tasted the canvas five, count 'em, five times in the second. Two were offical knockdowns, two weren't called, and one even referee Sadler didn't know what to do with. After the first flooring was missed, a left hook dropped the shaken Say-Say. Number three was disallowed because Edwards caught the stumbling Say-Say on the back of the head.

As if in defiance, Edwards drove a looping right to the back of Say-Say's head, flooring him again. This time, the referee first picked up the count, and then went around the ring deducting a point and lecturing Edwards' corner at length.

After the bout finally resumed, a wicked left hook sent the hapless Say-Say to the canvas as the interminable round ended. An instant-replay hook blasted Say-Say for the count at 46 seconds of the third round, and he had to be carried from the ring on a stretcher, in a neckbrace, while receiving oxygen.

As if this disaster weren't better left alone, Commissioner Howard McCall indicated Edwards should have been disqualified, and the result may be overturned. Fortunately, Say-Say recovered, but with friends like these, he may end up there again.

In a rugged brawl, Al Shoffner, 219, North Philadelphia, outhustled an unnecessarily bulked up William Morris, 222, North Philadelphia, by unanimous decision in a six rounder. The referee was Sadler.

Willie McNeal, 134, West Philadelphia, used a knockdown at the final bell to cement a unanimous win over Tony Hamilton, 131, Camden, in a four-round fight. The referee was O'Neil.

In a four, William Jones, 147, North Philadelphia, dusted off a dusted-off Rich McCain, 144, South Philadelphia, who fell twice, to be stopped at 1:05 of the first of a scheduled four. The referee was O'Neil.

Robert Mightower, 140, North Philadelphia, easily KO'd an inept Nathon Gaines, 142½, North Philadelphia, at 1:13 of the first of a scheduled six. The referee was O'Neil.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Attendance: 398
TV: SportsChannel America
Announcer: Ed Derian
(10-23-89)

J.R. Jowett

►**ERIE**—At the Gannon University Gymnasium, promoter Mike Acri held his annual "Erie Boxing Clasic." As always, the show was a success.

Puerto Rico's **Angel Hernandez**, 136½, easily improved to 29-0-2 by stopping ringworn puncher **Chris Calvin**, 134½, Nashville, Tennessee, who remained on his stool after three rounds. Hernandez cut and floored Calvin in the first, and was able to land at will in this scheduled 10-rounder.

In an outstanding action battle, James Pipps, 124, Laporte, Texas, and Jorge Romero, 125, Miami, battled to a 10-round draw. Romero started strongly, but Pipps found an easy target for right hands and rallied down the streach. Judge Bernard Harkins scored it 46-46, Herb Scott had it 46-44 for Pipps, and Paddy Grimes viewed the close bout at 46-44 for Romero. Pipps, who was coming off an 18-month layoff, is now 36-2-2 (30). Romero remains undefeated in 18 bouts.

John "Boy" Bizzarro, 141½, Erie, won a unanimous six-round decision over awkward southpaw Vercell Curry, 137, Beckley, West Virginia, in an uneventful bout.

Robert Curry, 170½, Beckley, scored a six-round split decision over John Ford, 173, Youngstown, Ohio, in a hard-fought contest. Both men traded bombs throughout.

Tom Alexander, 143, Pittsburgh, pounded out a fourth-round TKO over a game Lee Hufnagel, 141½, Youngstown. Alexander dropped Hufnagel in the second round and scored standing eights in the third and fourth. Referee Andy Depaul stopped the bout at the 2:11 mark of round four, with Hufnagel in big trouble.

Lamar Williams, 134, Erie, earned a unanimous four-round decision over Brian Cole, Akron, who was making his pro debut. Williams was too busy for his 132- pound foe.

Promoter: Mike Acri Boxing Productions
Matchmaker: Mike Acri
Referees: Paddy Grimes, Andy DePaul
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(11-2-89)

Erich Gliebe

TENNESSEE

►**BRISTOL**—A welterweight battle headlined an October 21 card at the Bristol Sports Arena. In a schedualed eight-rounder, one-time top contender **Tommy Ayers**, Cincinnati, scored a smashing second-round knockout over **Paul Gentry**, Spartanburg, South Carolina. In 1987, Ayers was in line for a shot at Mark Breland's WBA title.

In a heavyweight clash, Mark Carrier, Bristol, won a unanimous six-round decision over Wesley Smith, Louisville.

In a six-round middleweight bout, Mike Belcher, Bristol, blew away Cincinnati's Larry Tyson (no relation to what's his name) in the first round.

In a light heavyweight six-rounder, another Bristol boy, Robert Clevenger, TKO'd Bruce Stallworth, Covington, Kentucky, in round one.

A pair of junior welterweights battled only one round longer, with Oscar Washington, Hamilton, Ohio, stopping Anthony Armstrong, Lincolnton, North Carolina, in round two.

In a matchup of welterweights, Richie Hess, Bristol, scored a second-round TKO over Danny Wilson, Lincolnton, North Carolina, scheduled for four.

A cruiserweight four-rounder was cut short when Mike Dixon finished his night's work by putting Ken Myers away in the first round.

In a bizzare bout, the sellout crowd of 2,100 saw two woman junior welterweights slug it out. Christy Saliers, Princeton, West Virgina, TKO'd Tammy Jones, Dayton, Ohio, in the first round.
(10-21-89)

TEXAS

►**EL PASO**—**Wilfredo Vasquez** won a split decision from **Fernie Morales** to claim the new IBF Intercontinental bantamweight championship. Vasquez, the former WBA 118-pound champion, won the 12-round fight on two of the judges' scorecards, 115-114 and 115-113, but lost by a surprisingly wide margin of 118-110 on the third card.

Vasquez had fought only once in the 15 months since his loss to WBC bantamweight champ Raul Perez. But this victory showed that he remains a force in the division. He is 27-5-3 (22).

But Vasquez expressed an interest in moving up to junior featherweight and challenging either Daniel Zarragoza (WBC) or Juan Jose Estrada (WBA) for their titles. "I feel I'd be more effective and comfortable at that weight," he explained.

Against Morales, Vasquez was the aggressive attacker, constantly unloading his big right hand. Morales, on the other hand, showed superior ring generalship and counterpunching abilities. The difference came down to Morales spending too much time on the ropes in the latter stages of the fight. Vasquez' power gave him an obvious edge when the two fighters went toe-to-toe.

"I felt it was a very close fight," said Morales, who fell to 25-3 (12). "I felt I took it, barely. Most people said they thought I won." *The Ring* had Morales ahead 116-112.

In the semifinal, Hector "Ulises" Chong, 125¼, Torreon, Mexico, scored a TKO at 2:30 of the fifth round over Carlos Castillo, 126, Chihuaha, Mexico, in a scheduled 12-rounder for the Chihuaha state featherweight title.

Jose de Jesus "Magico" Garcia, 124¼, Juarez, won a unanimous decision over Jaime de la Torre, 124½, El Paso, in an eight-rounder. De Jesus Garcia, 9-0, was a 1988 Olympian.

Lorenzo Saiz, 130½, Las Cruces, New Mexico, won a unanimous four-round decision over Ines Alvarado, 129, Palacio Delicias, Mexico.

Jose "Toro" Macias, 188¼, Juarez, scored a TKO at 2:43 of the third round over Tony Bristow, 188¼, El Paso, in a four-round cruiserweight fight.
(10-26-89)

Bruce Williams

PUERTO RICO

►**SAN JUAN**—Two WBO title were on the line, and both champions retained their belts. In the junior bantamweight title fight, champion **Jose "Cheito" Ruiz** stopped **Angel "Cuso" Rosario** in the 12th and final round when referee Wiso Fernandez halted the bout with just seconds remaining.

Ruiz was ahead at the time, but Rosario had made it tough throughout the fight and scored an early knockdown. Ruiz, however, managed to drop Rosario in the fateful 12th.

In the co-feature, **Jose "Caguitas" DeJesus** kept the junior flyweight crown with a lopsided 12-round decision over Mexican challenger **Isidro Perez**. DeJesus, who recently lost a bid for the WBA crown against Yuh Myung Woo, came through with his best performance, punching throughout.

Former IBF featherweight champ Antonio Rivera knocked out Victor Aponte in five rounds. Inactive for more than a year and a half, Rivera dropped Aponte twice in the fourth. Referee Roberto Ramirez saved Aponte from further punishment by halting the bout in the fifth. Rivera is now campaigning as a junior lightweight.

South African super middleweight Thulani Malinga scored an eighth-round TKO over Jose Quinones when ringside physician Dr. Amaury Capella called the fight because of a deep cut over Quinones' right eye.

Dominican featherweight Francisco Alvarez suffered a ninth-round kayo at the hands of Dingaan Thobela, South Africa.

Junior featherweight Jose Rodriguez knocked out Angel Vargas in two rounds.

The show was promoted by Video Deportes.
(10-21-89)

►**BAYAMON**—Lightweight **Jose Rivera** returned to local action following his participation in the Great Western Forum 130-pound tournament in Southern California. Rivera scored a fifth-round stoppage of **Jose Vasquez**, who was cut over the right eye. It was Rivera's first local start since losing to WBA junior lightweight champ Brian Mitchell.
(11-1-89)

Mario Rivera Martino

CANADA

ALBERTA

►**EDMONTON**—Local welterweight **Harpal Talhan**, back from the rings of Las Vegas, raised his pro log to 18-1-1 by stopping Indianapolis' **Mark Brannon** in six rounds.

Flooring his opponent twice each in the third and fourth rounds, Talhan swarmed all over Brannon. Brannon went to the canvas again in the fifth, and after he was dropped once more in the sixth, referee Barney O'Connor wisely halted the action. Talhan is now eager to fight Canadian champion Donovan Boucher.

The semi-final saw Dave Fiddler scoring a one-round knockout over an inept Mario Perez of Mexico. Fiddler had nothing to beat, and this sort of win will not be enough to get him another shot at Willie Featherstone, the Canadian light heavyweight champion.

Lightweight Stan Cunningham went to 8-1 in winning a six-round decision over Las Vegan Tony Davi.

In another six-round lightweight battle, Mike Short won a split verdict over Las Vegas' Gerald McNeil.

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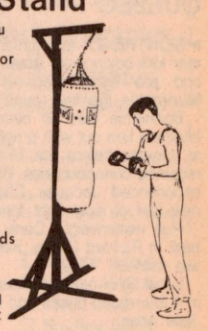

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ONTARIO

►**MISSISSAUGA**—When Donovan "Razor" Ruddock was deprived of the Canadian heavyweight title for his failure to defend against Toronto's **Tony Morrisson**, the two available highest-ranked contenders fought for the vacant title.

Morrisson won a 12-round split decision over veteran contender **Ken Lakusta**. Edmonton's Lakusta, who had won two previous comeback fights, was no match for Morrisson's speed and fast combinations. The new champ's record is 18-7-2, while Lakusta dropped to 26-14.

Another title fight saw Canadian lightweight champion John Kalbhenn retain his title with a unanimous 12-round verdict over Albert Dumas in a dull affair.

British welterweight Paul Jones won a six-round decision over Kid Ford.

In a heavyweight battle, Toronto's Jimmy Gradson won a six-round decision over Blake Gabriel of Edmonton.

The attendence was an estimated 1300.
(9-6-89)

MANITOBA

►**WINNIPEG**—Middleweight **Terry Jesmer**, an old favorite of local crowds, won the main event, stopping old rival **Nick Miller** of Omaha, Nebraska.

Jesmer is a fan favorite because of his big heart and his well-known courage. Crowd-pleaser Terry swarmed all over Miller and had him well-beaten when the fight was stopped in the eighth round. Jesmer looks ahead to another title shot, this time against new Canadian titleholder Darrell "Pee-Wee" Flint.

Winnipeg welterweight Danny Pruden was stopped in the fourth round by Grand Fork's Forrest Brooker.

Minneapolis middleweight Jack Basting won a six-round nod over local boy Doug Kornelson.

Brandon lightweight prospect Brent Mitchell won his second pro fight, outpointing Tim Johnson, St. Paul.

The attendance was an estimated 1000 at the Convention Centre. The promoter was Tommy Burns.
(9-7-89)

QUEBEC

►**MONTREAL**—In a junior middleweight battle, former kick-boxing idol **Alain Bonnamie** won his second pro fight, knocking out Halifax's **George Munroe** in the first round.

Bonnamie was all over the 6'3" Munroe and knocked him out with a right uppercut. It was several minutes before the Nova Scotian fighter finally regained consciousness. Bonnamie, handled by the experienced Jacques Chevrier, is becoming the new idol of local fight fans.

Hull welterweight Denis Sigouin had nothing to beat in Richard Quiles, New York, who went out in two rounds.

Local lightweight Michele Moffa got the worst of it in a four-round prelim and was clearly outpointed by Jose Arias.

In a local lightweight war, Normand Pearson came from behind to stop a game Serge Charette in the fourth round. Both fighters were making their pro debuts.

The attendance was 2500 at the Paul Sauve Arena. The promoter was Roger Martel.
(9-27-89)

Michel Gladu

MEXICO

►**MEXICO CITY—Rafael "Gato" Toledo** connected with a big left hook to knock out **Jose "Latigo" Flores** in the second round of a 10-round featherweight contest. Toledo, Mexico's eighth-ranked featherweight, is 29-9-2 (24). Flores, a late sub for Gregorio Vargas, fell to 29-8-3 (20).

Juan Garcia stopped Blas Romero in the sixth round of a lightweight bout.

In another lightweight fight, Juan M. Aranda stopped Ignacio Jacome in two.

Flyweight Wilfredo Gonzalez scored a unanimous six-round decision over Jose Garcia.

Jose Antonio Ocampo copped a split decision over Alejandro Gonzalez in a four-round super featherweight bout.
(10-7-89)

Julio Cesar Chavez

►**TIJUANA**—WBC super lightweight champion **Julio Cesar Chavez** needed only 2:56 to kayo **Rodolfo Batta** in a 10-round non-title fight. Chavez, 64-0 (54), put Batta down twice, the second time for the count. Batta, a former Mexican super welterweight titlest, is 31-8 (30).

Javier Lucas earned a disputed split decision over Miguel Mercedes, Dominican Republic, in a flyweight 10.

NABF super welterweight champion Terry Norris, San Diego, utilized speed and aggressiveness to take a split decision from former WBC welterweight champion Jorge Vaca over 10 rounds.

In a middleweight matchup, California's Gilbert Baptiste took a 10-round split decision from Luis "Tyson" Vasquez.

Francisco "Wary" Beltran stopped Jose "Cachorro" Jimenez in the fourth round of their lightweight encounter.

Roberto Chavez decisioned Pedro Espinoza in four, flyweights.

Eduardo Mendoza kayoed Luis Fernando Garcia in the second, lightweights.

Trinidad Damasco halted Sergio Sanchez in the second, lightweights.
(10-9-89)

►**ACAPULCO**—Mexican bantamweight champion **Candelario "Changuito" Carmona** retained the title after **Julio Pliego** was disqualified for intentionally butting Carmona in the third round. Carmona, bleeding profusely, was cut on the left eyebrow and on the right eyelid. The ring doctor determined he could not continue.

Valente Torres stopped Francisco "Buzo" Gonzalez in the seventh round of a bantamweight 10. Gonzalez was cut by a clash of heads, and the ringside commissioner gave Torres the nod, despite the fact that many observers felt Gonzalez deserved a technical decision. It was their third meeting, with the bantamweights having split their first two fights.

Raul Gutierrez stopped Jorge "Sal" Fuentes in the second round of a super bantamweight bout.

Ivan Martinez decisioned Manuel Coronita is a six-round flyweight match.
(10-13-89)

►**ENSANADA**—The number-one ranked Mexican lightweight contender, **Ramon Marchena**, scored a 10-round unanimous decision over **Andres "Carita" Sandoval**. Marchena said he broke his right hand in the second round, but he still dominated the fight. Surgery for the hand was scheduled a week after the fight.

Francisco "Surfing" Gonzalez decisioned Humberto Gonzalez (not the WBC light fly champ).

Daniel Hernandez knocked out Benjamin Luna in the first round of a super bantamweight contest.

Featherweight Antonio Ortega stopped Jorge Ahumada in the sixth.

"Zurdo" Aguilar TKO'd Mauricio Perrer in four.
(10-13-89)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Three-time Mexican mini flyweight champ **Jorge Cano** used experience and superior boxing skills to earn a unanimous decision over **Eduardo "Lalo" Ramirez** in 10 rounds. Cano, 23, is 33-8-1. Ramirez, 20, is 17-5-1.

Cesar "Zacapu" Martinez knocked out Vincente Ramos in the third round of a scheduled 10-round featherweight bout.

Daniel Pinzon scored a unanimous decision over Leonardo Diaz in eight, bantamweights.

Rodolfo Santamaria took a unanimous decision from Martin Angeles over six, bantamweights.

In a four-round flyweight matchup, Fausto Olvera decisioned Victor Cruz.
(10-14-89)

►**CIUDAD LERDO—Victor Rabanales** scored a unanimous decision over Cesar "Cobrita" Soto in a 10-round bantamweight fight.

Jesus "Chuyin" Rojas knocked out Osvaldo Garcia in the third round of their lightweight bout.

Jorge Palomares TKO'd Isidro Pacheco in the seventh, featherweights.

Ismael "Destroyer" Diaz halted Zeferino Burgos in the third round of their lightweight bout.
(10-15-89)

►**ACAPULCO**—Unbeaten super bantamweight **Raul Martinez Mora** knocked out **Jose Luis Sarmiento** at 2:40 of the fifth in a scheduled 10. Sarmiento was dropped in the fourth.

In a 10-round bantamweight showdown, Atanasio "Monito" Villareal stopped Max Garcia in the sixth.

Valerio Ojeda TKO'd Toribio Camacho in two rounds.
(10-20-89)

►**GUADALAJARA**—In a 10-round mini flyweight fight, **Ismael "Chispita" Rodriguez** stopped **Ramon Lopez** in four rounds.

Latin American super welterweight champ Norberto Bueno stopped Ruben Cortina in four.
(10-20-89)

►**POZA RICA—Luciano "Lucifer" Fernandez** copped a unanimous 10-round decision over **Francisco Lara Acosta** in a super welterweight fight.

Featherweight Rogelio "Chato" Velasco stopped Martin Cruz in seven.

In another featherweight contest, Cruz Saldana kayoed Memo Morales in three.

Mini flyweights Oswaldo "Bobalin" Rodriguez and "Panterita" Rodriguez fought to a draw.

Dalmasio Cervantes stopped Raul Guerrero in four.
(10-20-89)

►**PIEDRAS NEGRAS—Javier "Suzuki" Diaz** was awarded a disputed hometown split decision over **Guillermo Diaz** in a 10-round flyweight tussle.

In another disputed verdict, Armando "Suzuki II" Diaz decisioned Jose Luis Zepeda over 10 rounds in a mini flyweight contest.

Mexican Olympian Miguel Angel Gonzalez stayed unbeaten with a third-round knockout of Roberto Villareal in a super featherweight fight.
(10-20-89)

►**MEXICO CITY**—The fans at the Coliseo booed the first two uneventful rounds of the main event, a 10-round middleweight outing between **Moises Mendez** and **Rosendo Rosales**. But in the third, Mendez pummeled Rosales in a neutral corner and dropped him for the count.

Luis Francisco Perez TKO'd Miguel "Chamaco" Gonzalez at 1:09 of the fourth in a 10-round super welterweight bout.

In an eight-rounder featuring super bantamweights Martin Perez and Enrique Ursua, Perez took a unanimous decision by scores of 79-73 (twice) and 80-72.

Enrique Jupiter halted Juan de Dios Palomar in the first round of their scheduled six-round bantamweight clash.

Abel Hinojosa scored a unanimous decision over Jose Yanez in a four-round flyweight fight.
(10-21-89)

►**ZACATECAS—Arturo "Chino" Lopez** knocked out **Federico "Patito" Renteria** in the sixth round of a 10-round super lightweight matchup. Lopez dropped his foe in the first and fourth rounds, as well as the sixth.

Leobardo Mancillas stopped Jose Hernandez in

the ninth of a scheduled 10.
Manuel Campos kayoed Hector Lara in three rounds.
(10-22-89)

►**MAZATLAN**—In his second fight in Mexico in less than a month, WBC super lightweight champion **Julio Cesar Chavez** TKO'd **Ramon Aramburru** at 1:30 of the third. The 10-round non-title fight took place in the Frankie Oh disco.
David "Parachutero" Bustamante took a split decision from Manuel "Torito" Castillo in a 10-round super bantamweight fight.
Roberto Chavez (Julio's younger brother) was upset, losing a four-round decision to Ricardo Medina in the flyweight division.
(10-27-89)

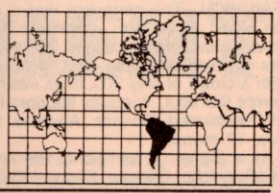
►**LA PAZ—Isaias Lucero** retained the Mexican light heavyweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over **Jose Mireles.** It was Lucero's sixth defense. The scores were 118-112, 118-110, and 117-112.
(10-27-89)

►**CAMPECHE—Melchor Cob**, the sixth-ranked mini flyweight of Mexico, took a 10-round split decision over **Rafael "Raton" Alonso.**
(10-27-89)

►**ACAPULCO—Nicolas Herrera** TKO'd **Pablo Sanchez** in the second round of a 10-round welterweight bout. It was Sanchez' first fight in more than a year.
In a super bantamweight tiff, Vladimir Gallegos TKO'd Alci Hernandez in four.
Ranulfo Castillo decisioned Leonardo Cano in a bantamweight fight.
Juan Santos stopped Marcos Antonio Zuniga in the fifth round of their mini flyweight fight.
(10-27-89)

►**MEXICO CITY**—In the 10-round featherweight main event at the Coliseo, **Salvador Zamora** TKO'd **Martin Soto** at 1:33 of the seveth round. Zamora, 27-4, took command in the sixth when Soto, 24-3 (16), couldn't slow the onslaught down.
Armando Castro knocked out Elpido "Ciclon" Molina in the first round of a scheduled 10 between bantamweights.
Mario Garcia kayoed Sergio Perez in the first of a scheduled eight-round bantamweight fight.
Cesar V. Chavez decisioned Oscar Ortiz over six rounds.
Featherweights Jesus Garcia and Alejandro Perez fought to a four-round draw.
Jorge Guzman got the nod over Jose Sanchez in a four-round super lightweight fight.
(10-28-89)

Bruce Williams



SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

►**CORDOBA**—Argentine cruiserweight champion **Daniel Netto** retained the title with a 12-round decision over **Victor Robledo.**
(9-1-89)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Juan Carlos Scaglia** knocked out former South American junior middleweight champion **Ramon Ramos** in five rounds at the Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium. Scaglia is a former sparring partner of Juan Domingo Roldan.
(9-2-89)

►**BAHIA BLANCA**—Young junior middleweight **Ruben Dario Cabral** knocked out **Bruno Godoy** in one round.
(9-9-89)

►**CORDOBA**—Junior middleweights **Angel Ernesto Lopez** and **Juan Carlos Ortiz** fought to a 10-round draw.
(9-9-89)

►**NEUQUEN—Ceferino Gil** decisioned **Ernesto Guevara** in a 10-round featherweight bout.
(9-9-89)

►**SPERENZA, SANTA FE**—Provincial super bantamweight champion **Nestor Paniagua** decisioned **Esteban Bustos** in 10.
(9-9-89)

►**BUENOS AIRES**—Light heayweight **Miguel Mosna** TKO'd **Julio Ravallo** in five.
(9-16-89)

►**LA PLATA**—Argentine strawweight champion **Hector Luis Patri** took a 10-round decision over **Ceferino Ponce.**
(9-16-89)

►**CORDOBA**—WBA junior welterweight champion **Juan Martin Coggi** stopped **Omar Alegre** in nine rounds. Alegre was dropped by a left hook in the fifth round and suffered a bad cut on his left eye that led to the stoppage.
Uruguayan light heavyweight champion Rodrigo Benech kayoed Eduardo Carranza in three rounds.
Bantamweight hopeful Roberto Moran outpointed Julio Daniel Soto over 10 rounds.
(9-22-89)

►**BUENOS AIRES**—Undefeated junior middleweight **Mario Gaston Chavez** scored a 10-round victory over **Carlos Ortiz** at ABF stadium. Chavez is 17-0 (10). Ortiz drops to 21-12-5.
(9-30-89)

►**CORDOBA**—Unbeaten lightweight **Fabian Tejeda**, 17-0 (16), kayoed **Ruben Silva**, 8-10-3, in five rounds. Tejeda, a southpaw, is in line for a fight against Jose Llanquin for the vacant national belt.
Angel Lopez, 13-0-3 (9), knocked out Raul Suarez, 3-13-6, in the first round of a junior middleweight bout.
Bantamweight Roberto Moran, 11-0-1 (7), kayoed Jose Ramon Soto, 2-1-2, in the fourth.
All three winners are managed by former world champion Santos Laciar.
(10-6-89)

►**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Middleweight **Robinson Zamora** earned a 10-round decision over **Enrique Bordon.**
(10-6-89)

►**CONCORDIA**—Unbeaten junior middleweights **Sandro Abel Vasquez**, 4-0-1, and **Carlos Rene Monzon**, 3-0-2, fought to a 10-round draw.
(10-6-89)

►**CATAMARCA**—Veteran **Jorge Tejada** scored a unanimous 10-round decision over **Jorge Martinez** at the Red Star Club.
(10-6-89)

►**BUENOS AIRES**—Three brothers fought on the same card, and all three went the distance, but the results weren't the same. WBC Intercontinental junior flyweight champion **Jose Lagos** defeated **Ceferino Ponce** on points in the 10-round main event.
But the other two Lagos brothers weren't as fortunate. Cesar Martinez outpointed Rafael Lagos in a super bantamweight clash.
Marcelo Luna decisioned Enrique Lagos in a featherweight decision.
All totaled, there are five Lagos brothers actively fighting.
(10-6-89)

►**LA RIOJA**—Unbeaten lightweight **Raul Tabares**, 6-0-1 (2), decisioned **Ricardo Vega** in 10.
(10-6-89)

►**CUTRAL**—Unbeaten featherweight **Ceferino Gil**, 6-0-1, decisioned **Guillermo Sosa** in 10.
(10-6-89)

►**BUENOS AIRES**—At the ABF stadium, **Ernesto Sena** defeated **Angel Ignarsky** via technical decision. The junior middleweight bout was stopped in the sixth round.
Lightweight Oscar Lopez kayoed Victor Mendoza in six.
(10-7-89)

►**GUALEGUAYCHU**—Former Argentine featherweight champion **Miguel Francia** scored a unanimous decision over **Jorge Pompe** in 10. Francia is

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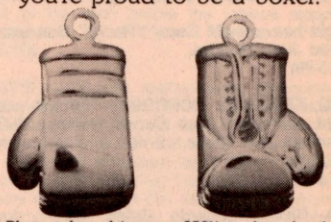

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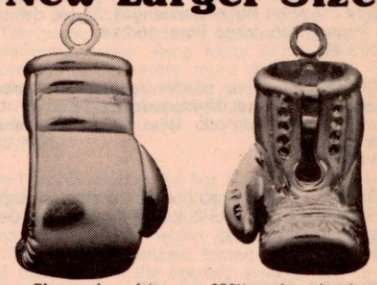

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22-3-7 (4).
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►**ROSARIO**—Boxing returned this important city after a long respite. The main event saw **Nicasio Caceres**, 15-9-3, outpoint **Antonio De La Cruz Perez**, 3-1-1, in a 10-round welterweight matchup.
(10-7-89)

►**RIO GALLEGOS**—Junior welterweights **Carlos Franco** and **Daniel Arce** fought to a 10-round draw.

Light heavyweight Oscar "Rocky" Gonzalez outpointed Juan Morales.
(10-13-89)

►**RIO TERCERO, CORDOBA**—National bantamweight champion **Juan Carlos Cortes**, 33-22-14, decisioned **Jose Cufre**, 12-12-2, in a 10-round non-title bout.
(10-13-89)

►**LA RIOJA**—**Eduardo Galan**, 42-6-7, kayoed **Mario Fernandez**, 16-11-3, in seven rounds.
(10-13-89)

►**CATAMARCA**—Unbeaten flyweight **Hugo Soto**, 11-0, outpointed **Sergio Carlevaris**.

Horacio Brandan won by disqualification over Clemente Florentin. Florentin was continually fouling Brandan, which prompted one of Brandan's brothers to scale the ring and punch him.
(10-13-89)

►**SANTA ROSA**—South American junior middleweight champion **Hugo Marinangeli**, 33-4-2, defeated Panamanian **Jorge Pino**, 16-24-4.
(10-13-89)

►**CORDOBA**—Super middleweights **Juan Carlos Scaglia** and **Miguel Maldonado** fought to a 10-round draw. Maldonado is a former Argentine champion.
(10-13-89)

►**SALTA**—Former Argentine welterweight champion **Miguel Arroyo**, 44-5-2, knocked out **Carlos Gomez** in the first round.
(10-13-89)

►**BUENOS AIRES**—At the ABF stadium, **Ricardo Valenzuela** won the Argentine super bantamweight title by outpointing **Carlos Laciar** over 12 rounds. Laciar is the brother of former flyweight and super flyweight world champion Santos Laciar.
(10-14-89)

►**SALADILLO**—Argentine lightweight champion **Alberto de Las Mercedes Cortes**, who will relinquish his belt to move up to 140, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over **Americo Pauloni**. Cortes is unbeaten in 44 fights.
(10-14-89)

►**GENERAL PINTO**—Unbeaten junior welterweight prospect **Luis "Cuty" Barrera**, 11-0, earned a 10-round split decision over **Jorge Tejeda**.

Eduardo Molina outpointed Omar Ramayon in six.
(10-14-89)

►**JUJUY**—South American junior lightweight champion **Faustino Barrios** retained the title with a 12-round decision over Bolivian champ **Carmelo Cazon Cadena**. Barrios is 38-19-14.
(10-15-89)

►**VIEDMA**—South American bantamweight champion **Lucio "Machine Gun" Lopez** scored a unanimous 10-round decision over **Marcelo Luna**.
(10-20-89)

►**POSADAS**—**Sergio Rodriguez** stopped **Felix "Alacran" Nunez**, Paraguay, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round super bantamweight fight. Rodriguez thoroughly outclassed the national champion of Paraguay.
(10-20-89)

►**BAHIA BLANCA**—Junior middleweight **Ruben Dario Cabral** kayoed **Juan Quevedo** in nine rounds.

Walter Cayun knocked out Carlos Daniel Gonzalez in two rounds.
(10-27-89)

►**BUENOS AIRES**—In the 10-round main event, undefeated junior middleweight **Mario Alberto Gaston Chavez**, 19-0, scored a points victory over **Jorge "KO" Santana** in what was the best fight of the year at ABF stadium. Chavez is planning to participate in the November junior middleweight tournament at the Great Western Forum in Inglewood, California.
(10-28-89)

Carlos Irusta

►**BUENOS AIRES**—WBA junior welterweight champion **Juan Martin Coggi** won a controversial 10-round split decision over **Dario Ojeda** in a non-title bout. Coggi felt he did not receive a gift decision and that he was never hurt during the fight. Coggi also said that he would be in top shape for his December title defense against ex-lightweight king Jose Luis Ramirez.
(10-14-89)

Bruce Williams

BRAZIL

►**OSCASCO**—**Claudio Pereira** retained the national junior welterweight title with a 10-round decision over **Isaias Mesquita**.
(9-10-89)

►**CAMPO GRANDE**—**Sidney Dal Rovere** retained the South American championship with a fifth-round kayo of **Nelson Cosmi**.
(9-15-89)

►**GUARATINGUETA**—**Danilo Batista** retained the Brazilian super bantamweight title with a 10-round decision over **Wilson Goncalves**.

In an eight-round bantamweight battle, Paulo Ribeiro decisioned Carlos Mayorca.
(9-30-89)

►**SOUTH ANDRE**—Brazilian bantamweight champion **Joao Cardoso** stayed undefeated with a fourth-round knockout of **Juan Ramirez**, Argentina.

Junior middleweight Peter Venacio scored a second-round knockout of Jesus Navarro, Argentina.

In a welterweight battle, Vanderley de Oliveira scored a third-round kayo over Carlos Gimenez, Argentina.

A super middleweight fight saw Ezequiel Paixo score a first-round stoppage of Angel Laparatoz.
(10-2-89)

►**SAO PAOLO**—In a flyweight encounter, veteran **Claudemir Dias** kayoed **Felix Unes** in the fourth round.
(10-3-89)

►**SALES**—Featherweight **Almir de Oliveira** fought to a six-round draw with **Waldemar Franco**.

Bantamweight Carlos Mayorca, Argentine, won a six-round decision over Mario Goncalves.
(10-28-89)

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COLOMBIA

►**MONTERIA**—Local bantamweight **Guillermo Salcedo** decisioned **Poldemar Carbonell**.

Luis Zuniga and Jose Valdez drew in a six-rounder.

Juan Sanchez outpointed Eduardo Bolanos.

Pedro Salcedo decisioned Ismael De Avila in flyweight action.

Junior flyweight David Orozco kayoed Ramon Estrada in three rounds.
(9-15-89)

►**MAICAO**—**Simon Morales** continued his unbeaten streak as he TKOd **Jose Valdez** in round one.

Gilberto Barreto knocked out Ever Quinones in three rounds.

In a non-title bout, Juan Rodrigues knocked out Omar Geles in one.
(9-15-89)

►**SABANALARGA**—**Ignacio Bernal** kayoed **Luis Castillo** in round one in their welterweight fight.

Junior welterweight action featured Amaury Moguea, who is undefeated, kayoing Jose Nieto Sanchez.

In mini flyweight action, Victor Murillo and Jorge Blanco drew after four rounds.

Luis Villar and Luis Monterrosa drew in four rounds; flyweights.
(9-16-89)

►**SAN ANDRIES ISLAND**—Olympic bronze medalist **Jorge Eliecer** knocked out **Francisco Lozano** in bantamweight action.

Santos Cardoza kayoed Edison Benitez at 1:26 of round six to win the Central American and Caribbean crowns.

Arnobis Castro decisioned Francisco Alvarez.

Eder Gonazalez outpointed Jose Nieto in 10 rounds of welterweight action.
(9-16-89)

►**CARTAGENA**—**Miguel Maturama**, making a comeback, TKOd **Dorismel Zuniga** in the fourth round of their bantamweight bout.

Featherweight Eber Beleno kayoed Alvaro Narvaez in four.

Eugenio Pereira outpointed fellow bantamweight Halber Manrique.

Guillermos Trivino TKOd Jose Melendez in super flyweight action.
(9-22-89)

►**MONTERIA**—**Horacio Perez** knocked out **Donaldo Lora** in round nine in middleweight action.

Amancio Castro, a former lightweight contender, kayoed Caesar Theran in two.

Luis Zuniga decisioned Ramon Estrada in six; featherweights.
(10-13-89)

►**CARTAGENA**—**Miguel Maturama** decisioned **Carlos Rodrigues** in a bantamweight fight.

Francisco Alvarez outpointed Atenor Solar in a split decision over 10 rounds.

Alvaro Mercado TKOd Isaac Martinez in two.

Omar Gonzalez knocked out Teobaldo Berrio in eight.
(10-13-89)

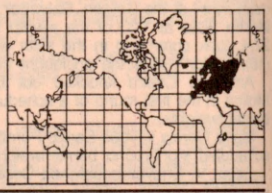
►**CARTAGENA**—**Julio Llerena** decisioned **Felipe Angulo** in 10 to win the Inter-American lightweight title.

Featherweight Ever Beleno TKOd Juan Gomez in eight.

In flyweight action, Omar Cantillo, still unbeaten, knocked out Moses Almanza in five.

Eduardo Molina, a junior welterweight, kayoed Ever Morelos.

Pedro Diaz decisioned Jose Salinas in four of their junior middleweight fight.
(10-21-89)



EUROPE

GERMANY

►**MUNICH**—The promotion was a dinner show at the Hilton Hotel, with performers fighting beneath crystal chandeliers. Despite the artistic success of this doubleheader title card, it flopped financially, with a crowd of only 200. In an international middleweight title bout, Yugoslav **Miodrag Perunovic**, age 31, decisioned German **Andreas Prox**, age 29, over 12 rounds.

In a German international title contest at super middleweight, German Konny Mittermeier got the benefit of a hotly disputed 10-round decision over Turk Nyazi Aytekin.

Two new faces on the pro circuit were lightweight Rene Scharein, age 18, and heavyweight Kluas Osterrieder, who won their four-rounders. Scharein decisioned Saturn Cabana, Belgium, and Osterrieder outpointed Yugoslav Nowak Radanovic.

Promoter and matchmaker: Horst Nalbach and Olaf Schroeder

Referees: G. Grabarz and N. Krosch

Doctors: Dr. Wagner and Dr. Holik

Timekeepers: O. Hesse and H. Borzowski
(9-1-89)

►**HAMBURG**—A crowd of 1,823 saw a brilliant card, which was presented by the Universum Box Promotion at Wansbek Hall.

In the main event, Dutchman **John Emmen** split decisioned Germany's **Ralf Rocchigiani** over 10 rounds. Rocchigiani finally came out of his shell in the 10th round, throwing rights to the face that made Emmen go on the defensive. But the German's effort came too late to wipe out the points lead the Dutchman had built. With this defeat, and Ralf's brother Graciano vacating the IBF super middleweight crown, the Rocchigiani brothers are like last winter's snow: almost forgotten.

Emmen's only defeat in 16 bouts came against

Italian Francesco Damiani in a bout for the European heavyweight title. Rocchigiani fell to 25-6-2.

One of the judges on this card was Herbert Thomser, who deserves a mention. Thomser was 75 earlier this month, and during his 60 years in boxing has officiated at 40 world and European championship bouts and refereed 100 German title fights and nearly 300 other bouts. Thomser was the third man for Muhammad Ali's successful defense against Briton Richard Dunn at Munich in 1976.

Twenty-year-old Knut Blin kayoed Austrian Manfred Putigam, seven years his senior, in two minutes and raised his record to six straight wins. The referee called "break," and as the visitor came forward after taking one step back, Blin caught him on the chin. Knut and his twin brother Jorg are the sons of Jurgen Blin, who lost a non-title affair to Muhammad Ali in December 1971.

In another heavyweight bout, German Karl Heinz Heistermann outscored 31-year-old American Ricky Keller over eight rounds. Heistermann found the visotor an awkward opponent who makes most of his opponents look bad. Keller, with 21 wins in 36 bouts, used many of his tricks. It was Heisterman's 10th bout. He has eight wins, and is ready for a shot at the domestic crown, held by Manfred Jassmann.

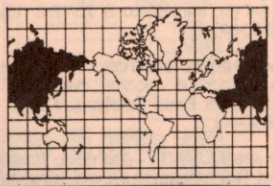
In a middleweight six-rounder, ex-British soldier Horace Fleary knocked down the crowd favorite, Jamaica-born but locally based Owen Reece, with a beautiful left hook in round three. But he couldn't finish the job, allowing Owen to get back on top. Fleary subseuqently took three standing eight-counts, as well a warning for holding, and went on to lose on points. Reece has chalked up six wins; Fleary has eight wins in 13 starts.

Twenty-two-year-old German Patrick Pipa is now undefeated in 13 bouts. He outscored Jimmy Gourard, Belgium, over eight rounds. The vistor hurt his left arm in the sixth.

A man on a mission in this country is 27-year-old cruiserweight Markus Bott. In his second pro bout, Bott scored a first-round knockout over the Belgian champion, 27-year-old Yves Monsleur, with a left to the body.

The referees were M. Strangfeld and G. Grobarz. The ringside physicians were Dr. W. Herpich and Dr. S. Holthusen. The timekeepers were E.G. Kock and H. Hammerich.
(9-30-89)

Jack Tree



THE ORIENT

JAPAN

►**TOKYO—Iwao Otomo**, 135, barely retained the OPBF lightweight crown with a split draw against Korean champion **Kang Choi**, 134½, in a 12-round bout. Otomo, the WBC's third-ranked contender, fell to the canvas after catching Kang's left hook in the second round. Iwao, whose fighting style resembles Rocky Graziano's, took two punches to deliver one in round three. Though the Korean looked as if he had established the edge, the scoring was: Referee Ukurid Sarasas (Thailand), 115-115, judge Kodai Kumasaki (Japan), 116-115 for Otomo, and judge Sung-Ku Kang (Korea), 118-113 for Choi. Otomo is 20-3-3 (18). Choi, whose left eyebrow was opened badly, is 15-4-2 (8).

Up-and-coming Shin Toyosato, the Japanese Commission's number three featherweight, 120¾, displayed good combinations in finishing Ryuji Okawa, a taller rival, 121¾, at 2:52 of round three in the semifinal 10. Toyosato is 8-0 (6).

Eiji Oyama, the JBC's number two lightweight, 133½, was befuddled by the tricky uppercuts of Filipino Amado "Chiba" Camato, 134½, but scored with one-two combinations and captured a unanimous decision in 10. Oyama is 19-4-3 (10). Amado is 40-7-5 (27).
(9-18-89)

►**NAGOYA**—Korean **Chang Kyun Oh**, the WBC's number three contender, and Japanese prospect **Kiyoshi Hatanaka**, the WBA's number five bantamweight, fought to a split draw over 10 rounds. Hatanaka, a stylish boxer, utilized his left jab to avert Oh's infighting. The Korean managed to nail the elusive Japanese with a flurry of punches in the later rounds. Hatanaka, however, showed his toughness by fighting toe-to-toe with the durable Oh and taking the final round. The scoring: Referee Takeshi Shimakaw, 99-97 for Hatanaka, judge Takeshi Makimura, 100-98, for Oh, and judge Takeomi Ito, 98-98.

Hatanaka, 17-1-0 (11), moved up to the 118-pound class after losing to Gilberto Roman in his quest for the WBC super flyweight title last September. Chang Kyun is 26-4-4 (13).
(9-7-89)

►**KOCHI**—Former Japanese strawweight champion **Hisashi Tokushima**, 111½, was held to a majority draw (95-95, 94-94, and 95-93 for Tokushima) with **Yosuke Matsuoka**, 112, in 10 rounds. Tokushima, the WBC's 14th-rated contender, dropped his opponent in the first round. Then he got knocked down in the fifth. Tokushima appeared to have won more rounds, but failed to win the decision. He is 16-3-1 (8), and Matsuoka, the JBC's number-three flyweight, is 17-5-3 (6).
(9-6-89)

►**TOKYO**—OPBF junior middleweight champion **Carlos Elliott**, the WBA's top contender at 154, proved too sharp for **Arman Pecar**, 155, who is ranked first in the Filipino weltwerweight ratings. Elliott stopped Pecar at 2:38 of the sixth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. In the sixth round, Elliott, the Japanese-based American from Alabama, landed vicious rights through Pecar's guard, and referee Ukurid Sarasas stopped the fight.

Elliott, who is seeking the WBA title held by Julian Jackson, is 23-2 (21). Pecar is 22-3-2 (10).

In the semifinal 10-rounder, Rick "Yoshimura" Roberts, 139, displayed superior power by sinking Tadashi Domoto, 140, with a devastating left hook. He was awarded a TKO victory at 36 seconds of round nine. Roberts is 6-1 (3), and Domoto is 6-2-1 (6).
(9-9-89)

►**TOKYO**—This card featured semifinals of the A-Class Prize tournaments, in which Japan's top fighters box six-round bouts to win the right to challenge the national champions. Fast-rising **Puma Tokuchi**, the JBC's number-six flyweight, 112, amazed ringsiders with his demolition of **Yasutaka Sakurai**, 111¾. Tokuchi dropped his foe three times with his solid right crosses to score a kayo at 1:04 of the third round. Tokuchi, 8-0 (8), is 19 and will face the winner of the Osamu Sasaki-Yosuke Matsuoka bout for the vacant title.

Southpaw Hiroaki Yokota, 118, had Noboru Ogihara, 118, on the floor in round one and pummeled him into submission at 1:56 of round four. Yokota is 13-3-1 (5).

Manabu Saijo, 125¼, decisioned Kimo Saotome, 126, in six rounds. He is 10-0 (7).
(9-11-89)

►**SHIZUOKA—Kimo Hrirano**, 107¾, kayoed **Shin Sayama**, 107¾, at 2:59 of round four in a scheduled 10-rounder to win the Japanese junior lightweight title. The new champion is 8-3-2 (1), while Sayama is 10-11 (7).
(9-12-89)

►**TOKYO**—Japanese welterweight champion **Hiroyuki Yoshino**, 150, floored **Archie Garcia**, 148, twice in the opening round and knocked him out at 2:54 of the fourth in a scheduled 10-rounder. Yoshino is 15-3-1 (12).
(9-26-89)

►**TOKYO—Naoto Takahashi**, 122, the WBA's number-three contender, was too sharp for previously unbeaten **Hideki Uchikoshi**, 122, and knocked him out at 1:53 of round six in a scheduled 10-rounder. Takahashi, 21, displayed improved defensive technique, utilizing his fast footwork and tight guard. A vicious one-two bloodied the challenger's mouth midway through round two, and it was later learned that his jaw had been fractured. A well-timed left hook in the sixth sent Uchikoshi to the canvas. He was unable to beat the count. Takahashi is 18-2 (13). Uchokoski is 11-1-1 (6).
(10-14-89)

►**TOKYO**—More than 3,000 spectators gathered at Korakuen Hall as Japanese junior lightweight champion **Takeyuki Akagi**, 130, extended his winning streak to nine and pounded out a lopsided decision over **Masahiro Takagi**, 130, in 10 rounds. Akagi, the WBA's number-11 contender, kept boring in, overwhelming Takagi at close range, and had him on the verge of a knockout late in the fight. The judges gave it to the champion by scores of 99-93, 100-94, and 100-94.

Hitoshi Kamiyama, 153¼, battered his taller challenger, Takeshi Yamato, 154, and stopped him at 2:39 of round six of a scheduled 10-rounder to retain his national junior middleweight crown. The fight was a brawl from beginning to end. Yamato fell to the floor from a left hook and took an eight-count in the fifth. Kamiyama dropped his foe twice more in the sixth before the referee stopped it. Kamiyama is 13-1-1 (7), and Yamato is 7-4-2 (4).
(10-9-89)

►**KOBE**—Japanese featherweight champion **Seiji Asakawa**, 126, knocked out **Lancer Nakamura**, 125¼, at 2:41 of round two for his second title defense. Nakamura looked sharp in the first round. But the shorter champion came back with a wicked left to the chin, dropping the challenger for a compulsory eight-count in the next and final round. He rose and soon hit the canvas again, when he absored a solid right to the jaw, but this time Nakamura could not get up. Asawaka, ranked 27th by the WBC, raised his record to 13-1-1 (10), while Nakamura fell to 12-8-1 (1).
(10-3-89)

►**OSAKA—Shinichiro Hiraiwa**, 120, TKO'd **Shinji Ogawa**, 122, at 1:43 of the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Hiraiwa dropped his lanky rival with a straight right, then shook up Ogawa repeatedly until the fight was stopped. Hiraiwa is 11-4 (4), and Ogawa is 6-11-5 (4).

A sensational newcomer named Joichiro Tatsuyoshi, 118, made an impressive debut by demolishing Korean Sang Myon Choi, 118, at 47 seconds of the second round of a scheduled six-rounder. Tatsuyoshi, whose amateur record was 18-1 (18), had been unable to find an opponent due to his awesome reputation.
(9-29-89)

►**TOKYO**—During the first three rounds, **Ryuichi Suhara**, 108, and **Takeo Onishi** dropped each other, but Suhara outlasted his opponent and TKO'd him at 1:55 of the eighth round of the scheduled 10. Suhara, a southpaw, floored his opponent with a right hook in the opening session. But Onishi knocked him down once each in the second and third rounds. Their exchanges had the crowd in a frenzy. Suhara is 7-1-3 (4), and Onishi is 9-7-2 (4).
(10-2-89)

Ohashi kayos Emilla

►**TOKYO—Hideyuki Ohashi**, the WBA's top-ranked minimumweight, 106, displayed a ferocious one-punch knockout of **Boy Emilla**, 105, at 2:49 of round two in a scheduled 10. Ohashi landed a well-timed countering right, and Emilla hit the canvas, face first. Emilla lay motionless for several minutes. Ohashi has scored four consecutive kayoes since moving down to the 105-pound division.

Up-and-coming prospect **Katsuya Onizuka**, 115¾, ran his unbeaten record to 10-0 (9), as he fired thudding body shots that battered Korean Duk

Hyun Kim, 115¾, from all angles to stop him at 2:51 of round five in a scheduled 10. Onizuka showed his speed and skill by outpunching the stocky Korean, dropping him in the third and fifth rounds.

In a supporting 10-rounder, **Yasuyuki Fukuda**, 135, was befuddled by the persistent attacks of junior lightweight **Geron Porras**, 133. However, Fukuda connected with effective lefts and rights to finish off his foe at 2:57 of round seven. Fukuda is 10-7 (7), and Porras is 40-18 (12).
(10-3-89)

SOUTH KOREA

►**POHANG**—WBA minimumweight champion **Bong Jun Kim**, 105, battered Indonesian challenger **John Arief**, 103¾, from all angles, overpowered the game footworker, and chalked up a TKO victory at 2:15 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12-rounder at Pohang Indoor Gymnasium. It was Kim's second defense.

The challenger showed his best in the seventh, when he outjabbed the ever-coming Kim with precision. Kim turned the tide again in the eighth, using constant combinations to the face and body. But in the fatal session, Kim exploded with a well-timed right that dropped the Indonesian with a thud.

Arief rose on unsteady legs, and referee Kazumasa Kuwata counted the mandatory eight. The referee allowed the bout to continue, but when he saw the challenger stumbling against the ropes, he wisely stopped the one-sided affiar.

By the end of the eighth, all of the officals were favoring Kim. Stuart Winston had it 79-71, Narciso Machachor, 79-75, and Ryoji Kashiwagi, 78-74. Kim improved to 20-5-3 (9), while Arief fell to 13-4-2.
(10-22-89)

►**SEOUL—Chil Sung Chun**, 137¼, a fast-rising lightweight, mixed it up with **Lulu Villaverde**, 136¾, and weakened him with his aggressive attack. He knocked him out at 2:05 of the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Chun, who won the bronze medal in the Olympic Games in 1984, is 15-1 (10). Villaverde's record dipped to 51-13-6 (22).

In a supporting 10, Kyung Yun Lee, the WBC's top-ranked strawweight contender, proved too strong for Hee Hwan Moon, kaoying him in round four.
(10-3-89)

►**SEOUL—Mun Si Chi**, 140, dropped **Sung Woon Song**, 140 three times and registered a kayo at 2:20 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. In round seven, Chi displayed his trademark left hook and felled his opponent twice. Chi is 16-0 (7), while Song is 19-3 (6).
(10-9-89)

►**SEOUL**—Super bantamweight **Seung Hoon Lee**, 122½, scored a one-punch kayo over **Andy Dumpayan**, 123, at 2:35 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Midway through the second round, Lee dug an uppercut into Dumpayan's stomach, and the loser collapsed in agony. Lee, the ex-IBF world champion who surrendered his crown to pursue the more prestigious WBC title, is 44-6-1 (24). Dumpayan is 15-3-1 (4).

Pyong Sub Kim, 139, became the new Korean welterweight champion by stopping Yonh Soo Park, 139½, at 1:23 of round six in a 10-rounder. Pyong Sub is 9-4-2 (6), and Park is 6-10-2 (0).
(10-8-89)

►**PUSAN**—Southpaw puncher **Eun Shik Lee**, 118, won the OPBF bantamweight title by dropping the defending champion, **Chun Huh**, 117¾, en route to an unexpected kayo at 2:31 of round one in a scheduled 12-rounds. Huh, previously ranked third by the WBC, had been inactive during the past year after fracturing his leg when he jumped out the window of a burning building. Lee is 12-2 (10), and Huh is 22-2 (15).

Yun Un Chin, 114¼, the WBA's number-10 flyweight, outpunched Veerachai Vongprasert, 114, at 22 seconds of round seven in a supporting 10. Chin is 20-0 (12), while Vonprasert is 11-4 (4).
(10-8-89)

►**ANSUNG**—Zambian welterweight champion **Musonda Chinungu**, 149½, battered slow Korean **Tae Yong Koh**, 149¾, into submission at 2:39 of round nine in a scheduled 10-rounder. Chinungu raised his record to 10-1 (8), while Koh is 13-6-4 (6).

Yong Man Chun, the top Korean featherweight contender, 127¾, earned a controversial majority decision over Oscar Nkhata, 127½, in 10 rounds. Chun is 11-5-1 (4), and Nkhata is 8-2 (8).
(9-2-89)

►**SEOUL—Kap Chul Choi**, 110¼, fired sharp, straight punches at **Ray Corsep**, 111, and earned a unanimous decision (scores of 99-94, 99-94, and 99-95) in 10 rounds. Choi is 12-0 (5), while Cosep is 6-1 (3).
(9-10-89)

THAILAND

►**BANGKOK**—IBF world junior flyweight champion **Muangchai Kittikasem** endured the furious attacks of ex-champion **Tacy Macalos** and stopped him at 1:35 of the seventh in a scheduled 12-round title fight. Kittikasem is 7-0 (5), while Macalos is 26-6-3 (12). Macalos was the aggressor through the first four rounds, as his body shots and uppercuts forced the champion to retreat. But Kittikasem retaliated with lefts and rights, slowing down Macalos.
(10-6-89)

►**BANGKOK—Ratana Singsamang**, the top-rated junior lightweight in Thailand, was sluggish from the start and lost an upset decision to unheralded **Sonkiatnoi Chorchutirat** in six.
(9-29-89)

►**BANGKOK**—It took **Visuth Chuvatana** only one round to kayo **Phalan Sithfakamroan** in a scheduled six. Chuvatana is 7-2 (5).
(10-2-89)

►**BANGKOK—Palan Lukmingkwan** retained his national mini flyweight title by outscoring **Kom Sorthanikul**, the top contender, in a 10-round decision.
(10-4-89)

►**BANGKOK**—Unbeaten prospect **Bangsan Yodmuadang Torkorchasarn** kayoed ex-Thai champion **Ayuthaya Sithfakamron** in the first round of a scheduled six. Torkorchasarn is 12-0 (10).
(10-5-89)

►**BANGKOK—Rithchai Galaxy** pounded out a unanimous decision over **Maphai Narachavat** in junior bantamweight action.

Downrung Chuvatana, the IBF's number-six flyweight contender, displayed his punching power as he kayoed Saksurin Kiatkanbinthai in round three of a scheduled six-rounder. Chuvatana is 24-3-1 (16).
(10-8-89)

►**BANGKOK**—WBC flyweight champion **Sot Chitalada** fought a non-title bout and pounded out a unanimous decision over **Welgie Leonora** in 10. Chitalada is 19-2-1 (13).
(9-25-89)

►**BANGKOK—Kaj Chartbandit** decisioned **Asawin Sithrakmuang** in six rounds of junior flyweight action. Chartbandit is 9-2 (3).
(9-5-89)

►**BANGKOK—Chucherd Eausampan** won the vacant national bantamweight title when he kayoed **Tantawan Narphataya** in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Eausampan is 8-3 (5).
(9-14-89)

►**SAMUTPRAKARN**—Junior featherweight **Noree Jockygym** proved too strong for **Taiyok Sorphayathai** and stopped him in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Jockygym is 26-8-1 (11).
(9-17-89)

►**BANGKOK**—Mini flyweight **Singprasert Kittikasem** decisioned **Pornchai Boonthavee** on points in 10. Sinprasert is 7-0 (5).
(9-21-89)

►**BANGKOK—Den Chuvatana** decisioned **Charith Sithsornthong** in eight rounds. Chuvatana, the WBC's number-three junior flyweight, is 12-2 (5), while Sithsornthong fell to 5-1 (5).
(9-21-89)

►**BANGKOK—Saming Kiatpetch** captured the WBC international bantamweight title by stopping **Ben Capagungan** in the sixth round of a scheduled 12-rounder.
(9-26-89)

►**BANGKOK—Srikoon Narachawat** need only two rounds to kayo **Toriro Ortega** in a scheduled 10-round bout. Narachawat is 12-0 (5).

►**BANGKOK—Chana Porpaoin**, the WBA's number-four minimumweight contender, extended his unbeaten streak to 13-0 (8) by finishing off **Silvino Jimenes** in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

BANGKOK—Virgilio Openo, 120, ran his unbeaten record to 12-0-2 (6), by stopping **Vic Galme**, 118, at 2:15 of round six. The fight was stopped due to Galme's excessive bleeding.
(10-27-89)

PHILIPPINES

►**QUEZON CITY**—Ex-WBC super featherweight champion **Rolando Navarrete**, who had registered eight consecutive knockouts on his comeback trail, was knocked out by **Tae Jin Moon** at 2:22 of round six in a scheduled 10-rounder. In the final round, Moon, a southpaw, dropped Navarette with a lethal right hook. Navarrete, 53-11-3 (30), lay on the canvas for 10 minutes.

OPBF flyweight champion Romy Navarrete, 113, decisioned Seung Ko Lee, 112½, in 10 rounds.

OPBF flyweight champion, Romy Navarrete, 113, engaged in a tuneup prior to his defense against Japan's Akio Kawamata and scored a shutout decision (100-91, 100-90 and 100-90) over Korean Seung Koo Lee, 112½, in 10.

Jongjong Pacquing, formerly top-rated by the IBF, lost his chance to fight Meldrick Taylor due to an unexpected kayo by Rod Sequenan last June. This was their grudge match, and Sequenan, 139, repeated his win over Pacquing, 137½, by unanimous decision over 10 rounds.

Eder Olivetti, 132, a southpaw counterpuncher, outclassed Fernando Palad, 131, in 10 rounds. Olivetti is 21-3-1 (5). Palad is 9-5-1 (3).
(10-13-89)

►**BAGUIO CITY—Max Forrosuelo**, 105, the WBA's number-five junior flyweight, made good use of his long reach and piled up points to win a unanimous decision over **Angelo Escobar**, 110, in 10 rounds.

Armando Andales, 135¼, earned an upset one-sided decision over Albert Saxon, 133¼, in 10.

Free-swinging Bert Pucay, 132, overpowered Manuel Catangui, 132½, to earn a unanimous decision in 10.
(9-30-89)

►**BATANGAS—Leon Collins**, 128, earned a majority decision (scores of 99-97, 99-98, and 98-98) over **Felix Enero**, 127, in 10 rounds. Collins is 27-11-4 (3), and Enero is 23-12-5 (10).
(9-30-89)

►**GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Dadoy Andujar** won a unanimous decision over OPBF bantamweight champion **Ernie Cataluna**, 119, in 10 rounds.
(9-30-89)

►**ANGELS CITY—Florencio Pastor**, 148, knocked out **Rey Angara**, 149, with a quick left-right combination after dropping him twice en route to a win at 1:57 of round two in a scheduled 10-rounder. Pastor is 10-2 (7), and Angara is 5-9-2 (3).

►**NAGOYA—Noel Cornelio**, 120, earned a unanimous decision over **Fred Hagler Mendoza**, 120, over 10 rounds.

►**PARANAQUE**—Former WBC international junior featherweight champion **Joe Hiyas**, 127, taught **Fernando Udtohan**, 126½, a boxing lesson and captured a lopsided decision (scores of 100-92, 100-92, and 100-90) in 10 rounds. Hiyas is 38-17-12 (6).

Jun Altarejos floored Joe Constantino, 111, in the second round and scored a majority decision (scores of 98-93, 98-95, and 96-96) in 10 rounds. Altarejos is 21-12-4 (4).
(8-27-89)

►**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Bert Refugio**, 107, kayoed **Sonny Vidal**, 106, at 2:13 of the ninth round of a scheduled 12-rounder to become the new national junior flyweight champion. It was an upset win because Vidal was the WBC's number-15 contender. Refugio is 12-1 (10).
(8-27-89)

►**BAGUIO CITY—Bernabe Aliping**, 140, was awarded a unanimous but unpopular decision over **Muhammad Abraham**, 139, in 10 rounds. Aliping is 30-9-3 (14).

Voltaire Pacuyan, 127, decisioned Steve Nerza, 125, in 10. Pacuyan is 12-8 (0), after overcoming six straight losses at the start of his career.

William Villaflor, 130, won by TKO over Trican Panas, 129, in round four of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Edwin Montanez, 122, decisioned Elmer Reyes, 124, in 10. Montanez is 10-2 (3).
(9-2-89)

INDONESIA

►**SURABAYA**—OPBF junior lightweight champion **Hengky Gun**, 135, earned a ninth-round TKO over **Rudy Haryanto**, 135, in a scheduled 10. Gun, ranked 19th by the WBC, is 35-9 (24).

Juhari, 135, successfully kept his lightweight title with a unanimous decision over M. Noor, 135, in 12 rounds.

Junior featherweight champion Monod, 118, scored a TKO over Johannes Matahemual, 118, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.

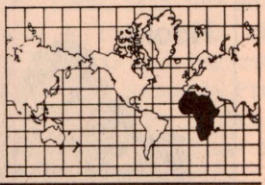
Basuki, 112, decisioned Ippo Galla, 112, over 10 rounds.

Arifin, 105, outscored Nana Suhana, 105, in eight rounds.
(9-9-89)

►**JAKARTA**—**Eric Chavez** became the new IBF mini flyweight champion when he bloodied and battered **Nico Thomas**, knocking him out at 2:14 of round five in a scheduled 12. Chavez dropped Thomas for a mandatory eight-count in round three. The punch that led to the knockdown was a right hand to the bridge of the nose. The end came in the fifth, as Chavez rushed from his corner and punished Thomas with a furious two-fisted attack. A punch to the solar plexes sent Thomas reeling backward and to the canvas. He rose, but Chavez' subsequent flurries sent the champion him down for the count. Chavez is 25-0-3 (15).
(9-21-89)

►**JAKARTA**—**Arthur Surya** retained the Indonesian bantamweight title with a split decision over **Wiem Sapulete** in 12 rounds. The scores were 116-115 and 116-114 for Surya, and 115-113 for Sapulete.
(10-12-89)

Joe Koizumi



AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

►**ELDORADO PARK**—**Chris Peters** scored a 10-round split decision over **Mbulelo Ndlazi** at Don Mateman Hall to become the new Transvaal welterweight champion.

Promoter: Alexandra Promotions, Sam Monane
Attendance: 750 (estimated)
(8-27-89)

►**CAPE TOWN**—**Fransie Badenhorst** retained the national junior featherweight title on points over 12 rounds against **Vuyani Bungu** at the Good Hope Center. Badenhorst won the first five rounds and sent Bungu to the canvas on three occasions. Then, in the sixth, the fight took a dramatic turn, as Bungu found his mark, dumping the champion on the floor and closing his eye. Badenhorst rallied and came back to win.

Promoter: International Promotions
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(8-27-89)

►**WELKOM**—**Johannes Kathi** survived a torrid first round to stop **Trayishile Mlonyeni** in the third round of a welterweight clash scheduled for 10.

Promoter: Genius Boxing Promotions, Emmanuel Mathibedi
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(8-28-89)

►**MORULA SUN**—Local favorite **Grant Messias** stopped American junior welterweight **Gary Moore** in the ninth of their scheduled 10 at Marula Sun-Bophuthatswana. Messias is 11-1-1.

Exciting young welterweight prospect, Jacques Smith, scored his seventh consecutive win when he kayoed Louis Mngomezulu after 42 seconds of round one in a scheduled six-rounder.

Heavyweight hope Corrie Sanders stopped Samson Mahlangu in round three.

Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(9-9-89)

►**EAST LONDON**—**Mthobeli Mhlophe** lost the South African featherweight title in his first defense, against former champion **Jackie Gunguluza** in round eight at the Orient Theatre.

Cape junior flyweight champion Wele Maqolo was too strong for Mbuyselo Xokolo, stopping him in round four.

Promoter: P. Hanke
Attendence: 500 (estimated)
(9-10-89)

►**UITENHAGE**—Former South African junior welterweight champion **Phumzile Madikane** got off the canvas to stop **Tollie Enslin** in the seventh round of a welterweight 10-rounder.

Dlewbusuku Mbaduli had a hard fight on his hands before scoring a seventh- round TKO over Monde Balfour in a flyweight contest at the Uitenhage Indoor Sports Centre.

Promoter: P. Hanke
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(9-10-89)

►**SPRINGS**—The "Clown Prince" of South African boxing, **Ditau Molefyane**, scored an easy sixth-round TKO over American-based Mexican **Sylvestor Castillo** in a scheduled junior lightweight 10-rounder at the Springs Indoor Arena.

Promoter: V.I.P. Promotions, Marcus Nkosi
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(9-11-89)

►**BLOEMFONTEIN**—Welterweight **Elvis Mpahla** stopped **Steven Moila** in round five of a scheduled 10-rounder at Posduif Hall.

In a flyweight fight, Daniel Matlokosi stopped Elijah Diphagwe in round five.

Promoter: A & J Promotions, Andre Vantonder
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(9-18-89)

►**JOHANNESBURG**—South Africa's world-rated super middleweight, **Sugarboy Malinga**, scored a majority decision win over American **Vincent Boulware** in a closely contested 10-rounder at Portuguese Hall.

Promoter: World Sports Promotions, Jim Harvey, Thinus Strydom
Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(9-24-89)

►**EAST LONDON**—**Xolano Kemka** retained the Cape bantamweight title when he scored a narrow points decision over **Philani Kali** in a 10-rounder at the Orient Theatre.

Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(9-25-89)

►**SPRINGS**—**Aladin Stevens** completely outclassed American-based Mexican **Roberto Rubaldino** to score an easy 10-round points decision at the Springs Indoor Arena. Stevens dominated from start to finish.

South African middleweight champion Charles Oosthuizen kayoed Cape challenger Isaac Yoto in round nine. It was his third win over Oosthuizen.

Promoter: International Boxing Promotions, Manny Ribeiro
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(9-25-89)

►**SHOSHANGUVE**—**Lybo Nkoko** retained the Transvaal bantamweight title when **Eddie Skosana** failed to come out for round 10 after absorbing a drubbing throughout the fight at the Shoshanguve Recreation Hall.

Promoter: Alexandra Promotions, Sam Monane.
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(10-1-89)

►**JOHANNESBURG**—South African junior heavyweight champion **Freddie Rafferty**, looking out of condition and rather ponderous at times, scored an easy 10-round decision over Englishman **Lennie Howard**.

Frank Badenhorst came from behind to retain the South African junior featherweight title with a kayo of Lungu Dundu in round nine of a scheduled 10-rounder at Portuguese Hall.

Promoter: World Sports Promotions, Jim Harvey, Thinus Strydom
(10-2-89)

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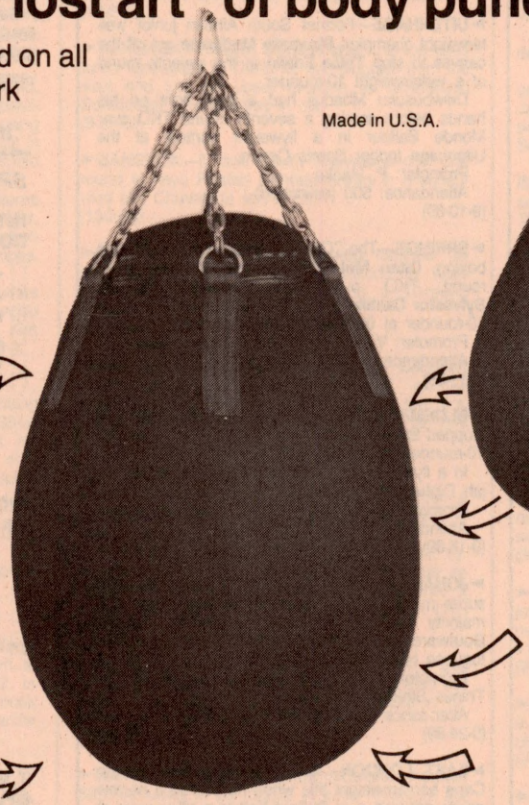

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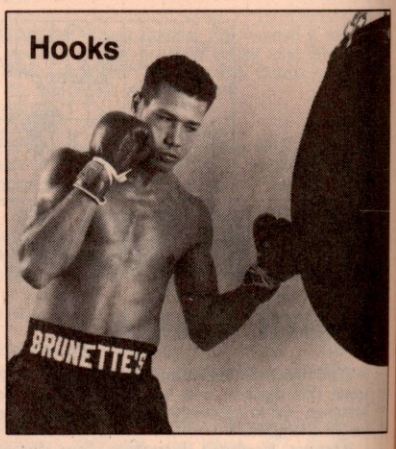

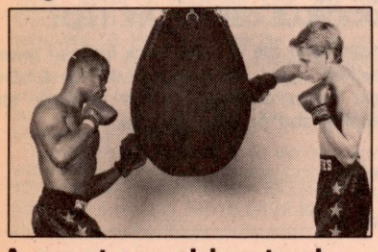

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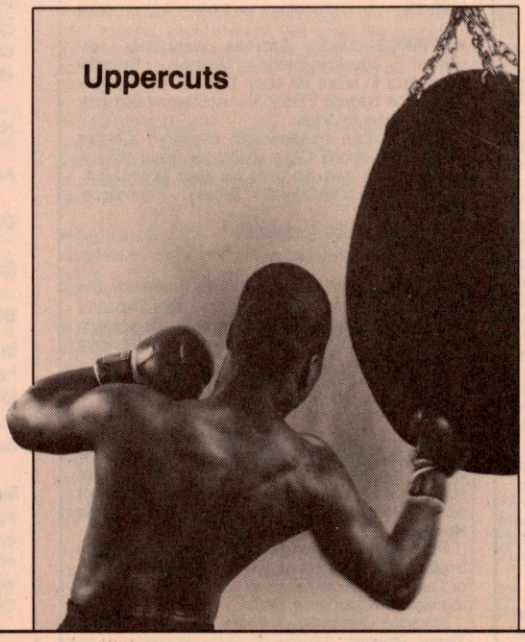

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JEAN O'GRADY
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By Christopher Coats

MRS. JEAN O'GRADY would have been perfect for the television program *What's My Line?* Born and raised a Baptist in middle-America, the 54-year-old O'Grady doesn't smoke or curse, and seldom drinks. She likes to go dancing, preferably the waltz or fox-trot. Who would ever guess that O'Grady makes her living managing fighters and promoting boxing cards?

Born in a small town on the outskirts of Austin, Texas, Jean first encountered boxing in the summer of 1956. She was 19 and had her car radio repaired at a shop owned by Pat O'Grady. He asked her for a date. Dinner was hot dogs, the show was a boxing card.

"The first fighter I ever met was that night," she recalls. "He was Cleveland Williams, and he had a shaven head and was wearing an earring. He was kinda scary."

A few weeks later, Pat and Jean got married.

That was 34 years ago. Since then she's been involved in thousands of boxing cards. She's written more press releases, made more phone calls, signed more contracts, and designed more fight posters than she can remember. She's worked as an usher, a judge, a timekeeper. She's patched up cuts in the corner. She's even carried a water bucket.

"I think the only things I haven't done are referee or fight," she says.

A widow for almost two years, O'Grady currently manages 10 fighters and promotes 15 to 20 fight cards a year in Oklahoma City. The most accomplished fighter she has ever promoted, and the best known, is her son Sean, who turned pro as a bantamweight at age 15 and briefly held the WBA lightweight title in 1981.

But long before her success, Jean and Pat spent years cutting their teeth on hard times.

"There were times when my husband and I lost all our money on a fight card," she recalls. "We'd spend the next day hocking just about everything we owned to pay our bills.

"We put on fight cards wherever we could; sometimes it was a roller rink, the rodeo stockyard, even at a shopping center. At lot of people in this business think at first that they can run all over me because I'm a woman. Mickey Duff used to call me Annie Oakley. I never liked that."

Jean and Pat compiled the miles, and the reason was always the same: boxing. They moved from Austin to Las Vegas, then to Los Angeles, and then to San Antonio. Next came Houston, then Beaumont, and then back to Los Angeles, and back to Austin. Then Dallas, Oklahoma City, and back to California. Today, Jean O'Grady feels she has settled, living in a small town outside of Oklahoma City. Still, one has to wonder—she's been traveling to Little Rock, Arkansas, looking for a place to promote boxing.

"Boxing isn't always like what you see on television," she says softly. "I've seen so many things. Once we took two of our fighters to Arizona for a card outside of Globe. It was up in the mountains, in sort of a cow pasture. It wasn't pretty, but the place was packed, every seat was filled. But there was no referee and no timekeeper, and they were just starting to put the ring up. My husband had to referee the bouts that our fighters weren't in. I ended up being the timekeeper. I know we got paid that time, but probably not enough."

Jean O'Grady cried every time her son lost a fight. She also cried the night he won the WBA lightweight title. Her tears, however, were for Hilmer Kenty, the beaten ex-champion.

"I couldn't understand why they kept sending him out," she says sadly. "I really felt for Hilmer, though I sure wanted my son to win. I just couldn't see how they would let him continue—he threw up in his corner between rounds and they let it go on. In my heart, I think that fight might have ruined both of them."

In a time when there have been many calls for stricter state control of prizefighting, Mrs. Jean O'Grady may be the exception that proves the rule. There is no boxing commission in Oklahoma, and she will admit that no one tells her what to do. "The fans and the press really run the sport," she says.

"I'm just a good Baptist girl who loves to watch a good fight." □

WBC WBA IBF RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Mike Tyson (USA)	C	C	C
Evander Holyfield (USA)	1	1	1
Razor Ruddock (USA)	2	3	5
James Douglas (USA)	3	4	2
Michael Dokes (USA)	4	7	6
Orlin Norris (USA)	5	6	4
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	6	10	9
Carl Williams (USA)	7	-	3
Gary Mason (ENG)	8	9	8
Adilson Rodrigues (BRA)	9	11	-
Jose Ribalta (USA)	10	5	10
Frank Bruno (ENG)	11	8	7
Alex Stewart (USA)	13	2	11

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Carlos DeLeon (PR)	C	-	-
Dwight Muhammad Qawi (USA)	1	3	2
Robert Daniels (USA)	2	1	-
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	3	4	10
Jose Flores (URU)	4	-	12
Nate Miller (USA)	5	6	6
Daniel Netto (ARG)	6	10	-
Magne Haavna (NOR)	7	-	-
Olian Alexander (USA)	8	-	-
Bash Ali (NIG)	9	-	-
Johnny Nelson (GB)	10	-	-
Sammy Reeson (ENG)	13	9	-
Glenn McCrory (ENG)	-	-	C
Taoufik Balbouli (MAUR)	-	2	-
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	7	1
Craig Bodzianowski (USA)	19	5	8
Angelo Rottoli (ITA)	-	8	4
Patrick Lumumba (KEN)	24	-	3
Leroy Murphy (USA)	-	-	7
Ralf Rocchigiani (GER)	22	11	9
Siza Makhathini (SA)	-	-	5

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Tom Collins (ENG)	1	-	-
Dennis Andries (ENG)	2	1	-
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	3	11	6
James Kinchen (USA)	4	-	10
Mike Sedillo (USA)	5	4	7
Joe Lasisi (NIG)	6	7	4
Leslie Stewart (TRI)	7	-	-
Mario Melo (ARG)	8	12	-
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	9	2	-
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	10	-	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Jan Lefeber (HOL)	18	-	12
Uriah Grant (JAM)	11	5	8
Jean-Marie Emebe (FRA)	17	6	-
Alex Blanchard (HOL)	-	8	5
Mike Peak (USA)	-	9	-
Tony Willis (USA)	13	10	9
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
Rodrigo Benech (URU)	16	-	3
Frankie Swindell (USA)	-	-	1
Graciano Rocchigiani (GER)	-	3	2
Freddy Delgado (PR)	-	-	11

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ray Leonard (USA)	C	-	-
Thomas Hearns (USA)	1	-	-
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	2	1	4
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	3	-	-
Don Lee (USA)	4	12	-
Frank Tate (USA)	5	6	2
Tony Byrd (USA)	6	4	-
Tarmo Uusivirta (FIN)	7	5	7
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	8	-	-
Paul Muyodi (UGA)	9	-	-
Carlos Antunes (BRA)	10	-	10
Ron Essett (USA)	17	7	-
Victor Cordova (PAN)	-	2	6
Fulgencio Obelmejias (VEN)	13	8	-
Yoshiaki Tajima (JAP)	-	9	-
Inchul Baek (KOR)	-	C	-
Paul Whittaker (USA)	-	10	-
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	-	3	5
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	1
Thulani Malingo (USA)	-	-	3
Fermin Calrineo (VEN)	-	-	8
Rod Carr (AUSTRL)	21	-	9

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Roberto Duran (PAN)	C	-	-
Lindell Holmes (USA)	1	2	-
Julian Jackson (USA)	2	-	-
Michael Watson (ENG)	3	1	1
Michael Olajide (CAN)	4	11	-
Herol Graham (ENG)	5	3	3
Steve Collins (USA)	6	5	6
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	7	4	7
Nigel Benn (ENG)	8	6	8
Lupe Aquino (MEX)	9	-	-
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	10	8	10
Iran Barkley (USA)	11	7	5
Francesco Dell'Aquilla (ITA)	21	10	-
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Tony Thornton (USA)	17	9	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	-	-	2
Reginald Johnson (USA)	-	-	4
Ron Collins (USA)	22	-	9

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
John Mugabi (UGA)	C	-	-
Rene Jacquot (FRA)	1	7	-
Chris Pyatt (ENG)	2	3	4
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	3	-	3
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	4	4	-
Lorenzo Garcia (ARG)	5	12	-
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	6	9	1
Terry Norris (USA)	7	6	-
Miguel Arroyo (ARG)	8	-	8
Jun Suk Hwang (KOR)	9	2	-
Said Skouma (FRA)	10	-	-
Julian Jackson (VI)	-	C	-
Carlos Elliot (JAP)	12	1	12
Donald Curry (USA)	29	11	7
Horacio Perez (COL)	23	10	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	-	5	-
Troy Wortham (USA)	18	8	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Robert Hines (USA)	-	-	2
Arthur Serwano (USA)	19	-	5
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	25	-	6
Davey Hilton (CAN)	-	-	9
Karama Leota (USA)	-	-	10

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marlon Starling (USA)	C	-	-
Maurice Blocker (USA)	1	3	-
Lloyd Honeyghan (ENG)	2	-	4
Fujio Ozaki (JAP)	3	1	-
Aaron Davis (USA)	4	10	5
James McGirt (USA)	5	8	2
Tyrone Trice (USA)	6	6	1
Nino LaRocca (ITA)	7	-	7
Yungkil Chung (KOR)	8	-	-
Glenwood Brown (USA)	9	4	8
Genaro Leon (MEX)	10	-	-
Mark Breland (USA)	-	C	-
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Luis Garcia (VEN)	12	2	-
Manning Galloway (USA)	22	5	3
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	23	7	-
Jorge Bracamonte (ARG)	16	9	-
Vincent Pettway (USA)	-	-	6
Luis Santana (USA)	-	-	9
Derrick Rolon (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	-
Kyungduk Ahn (KOR)	1	1	-
Roger Mayweather (USA)	2	-	-
Mauricio Rodriguez (USA)	3	4	10
Frankie Randall (USA)	4	-	3
Sammy Fuentes (PR)	5	7	9
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	6	11	-
Rafael Pineda (COL)	7	8	5
Loreto Garza (USA)	8	10	2
Mike Johnson (USA)	9	5	-
Donald Caples (USA)	10	-	-
Angel Hernandez (PR)	11	-	8
Livingstone Bramble (USA)	12	9	1
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	-	C	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	-	C
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	13	2	-
Jose Luis Ramirez (MEX)	-	3	-
Rodolfo Aguilar (PAN)	17	6	12
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	16	-	6
Courtney Hooper (USA)	-	-	4
John Montes (USA)	18	-	7

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	-	C
Chilsong Chun (KOR)	1	3	-
Primo Ramos (MEX)	2	5	8
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	3	-	1
Poli Diaz (SPA)	4	4	6
Iwao Otomo (JAP)	5	10	-
Jose Luis Ramirez (MEX)	6	-	-
Greg Haugen (USA)	7	-	2
David Gonzales (USA)	8	-	12
Darryl Tyson (USA)	9	-	-
Tracy Spann (USA)	10	-	3
Rolando Navarette (PHIL)	28	-	4
Edwin Rosario (PR)	-	C	-
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	-	1	-
John Duplessis (USA)	20	7	9
Tae Jin Moon (KOR)	19	6	-
Anthony Jones (USA)	12	8	-
Juan Nazario (PR)	14	2	-
Louie Lomeli (USA)	-	9	5
Lupe Suarez (USA)	-	11	-
Tunde Foster (USA)	17	12	7
Juan Soberanes (MEX)	22	-	10

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Mario Martinez (MEX)	1	-	-
Jim McDonnell (ENG)	2	2	11
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	3	6	-
Lupe Suarez (USA)	4	-	3
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	5	4	7
Rocky Lockridge (USA)	6	9	5
Calvin Grove (USA)	7	-	1
Georgie Navarro (USA)	8	-	-
Tracy Patterson (USA)	9	-	-
Tyrone Jackson (USA)	10	8	-
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
John Molina (USA)	-	-	C
John Doherty (GB)	25	5	-
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	-	7	-
Jackie Beard (USA)	20	1	-
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	-	4
Renato Cornett (AUST)	21	-	6
Renaldo Carter (USA)	-	3	9
Henky Gun (INDO)	17	10	-
Coco Ramirez (MEX)	-	-	2
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	13	-	8
Felipe Orozco (COL)	-	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	1	-	-
Chanmok Park (KOR)	2	1	-
Paul Hodkinson (ENG)	3	6	3
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	4	3	2
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	5	9	-
Troy Dorsey (USA)	6	10	7
Sidney Dal Rovere (BRA)	7	-	-
Victor Callejas (PR)	8	-	-
Jojo Cayson (PHIL)	9	-	-
Javier Marquez (MEX)	10	-	-
Stevie Cruz (USA)	-	-	5
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	C
Jeff Franklin (USA)	13	-	-
Louie Espinoza (USA)	-	2	1
Ryutaro Ueda (JAP)	22	4	-
Jean-Marc Renard (BELG)	-	5	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	26	7	-
Tom Johnson (USA)	21	8	-

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WBA as of October
IBF as of November

Myron Taylor (USA)	16	-	4
Alfred Rangel (USA)	-	-	6
Harold Rhodes (USA)	11	-	8
Steve McCrory (USA)	-	-	9
Tracy Patterson (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	C	-	-
Seung Hoon Lee (KOR)	1	12	-
Steve McCrory (USA)	2	-	-
Pedro Decima (ARG)	3	5	11
Jesus Salud (USA)	4	7	3
Naoto Takahashi (JAP)	5	3	10
Paul Banke (USA)	6	4	-
Louie Espinoza (USA)	7	-	-
Chanyoung Park (KOR)	8	9	-
Carlos Romero (VEN)	9	11	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	10	1	-
Juan Jose Estrada (MEX)	-	C	-
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	-	-	C
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	-	2	2
Ruben Palacios (COL)	18	6	-
Carlos Uribe (CHIL)	13	8	-
Lee Ki Yun (KOR)	-	10	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	1
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	4
Kelvin Seabrooks (USA)	-	-	5
Jesse Benavides (USA)	12	-	6
Ramon Cruz (PR)	-	-	7
Fransie Badenhorst (SA)	-	-	8
Baby Rojas (USA)	-	-	9

BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Raul Perez (MEX)	C	-	-
Hurley Snead (USA)	1	1	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	2	2	-
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	3	8	8
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	4	5	1
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	5	6	-
Changuito Carmona (MEX)	6	-	-
Greg Richardson (USA)	7	10	-
Gaby Canizales (USA)	8	-	-
Joao Cardosa (BRA)	9	-	-
Diego Avila (MEX)	10	-	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHI)	-	C	-
Kaokor Galaxy (THAI)	13	4	12
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Cardenio Ulloa (CHI)	11	9	11
Edgar Monserrat (PAN)	-	3	-
Carlos Rocha (COL)	17	7	-
Yun Chun Min (KOR)	15	-	3
Eddie Rangel (USA)	-	-	4
Billy Hardy (ENG)	19	12	2
Ray Minus (BAH)	16	-	6
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	-	-	5
Alessandro DeSantis (ITA)	-	-	7
Wongso Indrajit (INDO)	-	-	9
Javier Leon (MEX)	-	-	10

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Gilberto Roman (MEX)	C	-	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	1	1	11
Shunichi Nakajima (JAP)	2	3	-
Sungkil Moon (KOR)	3	2	-
Ray Medel (USA)	4	10	2
Cesar Polanco (DR)	5	11	-
Jose Felix Montiel (MEX)	6	-	6
Cobra Ari Blanca (PHIL)	7	7	1
Santos Laciar (ARG)	8	5	-
Michael Parris (GUY)	9	-	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	10	-	-
Juan Polo (COL)	-	-	C
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	-	8	-
Lee Yong Hoon (KOR)	-	4	-
Ernesto Ford (PAN)	12	6	-
Pedro Romero (PAN)	-	9	-
Elly Pical (INDO)	-	-	3
Peter Mitrevski (AUSTRL)	-	-	4
Adrian Roman (ARG)	22	-	5
Carlos Mercado (COL)	17	-	7
Jaja Shibali (SA)	-	-	8
Sitoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	9
Sombat Uusampan (THAI)	-	-	10

FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	C	-	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	1	-	4
Yongkang Kim (KOR)	2	6	-
Yulwoo Lee (KOR)	3	7	-
Javier Lucas (MEX)	4	4	7
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	5	2	-
Claudemir Dias (BRA)	6	-	-
Romy Navarette (PHIL)	7	-	12
Carlos Salazar (ARG)	8	11	-
Eyup Can (TURK)	9	-	10
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	10	8	3
Fidel Bassa (ARG)	12	1	6
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	3	-
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	26	5	-
Julio Gudino (PAN)	29	9	-
Yunun Chin (KOR)	13	10	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	-	C	-
Dodi Penalosa (PHIL)	-	-	1
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Duke McKenzie (ENG)	-	-	2
Louis Curtis (USA)	-	-	5
Tony DeLuca (USA)	-	-	8
Den Chuvatana (THAI)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Jungkoo Chang (KOR)	1	-	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	2	2	1
Luis Monzote (CUBA)	3	7	-
Ebo Danquah (GHA)	4	-	3
Sunyong Chung (KOR)	5	-	-
Isaias Zamudio (MEX)	6	-	-
Ali Galvez (CHI)	7	12	-
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	8	-	-
Jorge Cano (MEX)	9	-	-
Soonjoon Kang (KOR)	10	-	-
Myung Woo Yuh (KOR)	-	C	-
Leo Gamez (VEN)	-	1	-
Jeung Keum Lim (JAP)	11	3	-
Leon Salazar (PAN)	14	4	8
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	5	-
Kimico Hirano (JAP)	-	6	-
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	12	8	-
Hisashi Tokushima (JAP)	-	9	-
Jose Lagos (ARG)	-	10	-
Muangshai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	C
Tacy Macalos (PHIL)	-	-	2
Isidro Perez (MEX)	-	-	4
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	-	-	5
Gonzalo Villalobos (MEX)	-	-	6
Javier Diaz (MEX)	-	-	7
Mario DeMarco (ARG)	-	-	9
Jeong Jae Lee (KOR)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Napa Katwanchai (THAI)	C	-	-
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	10	-
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	2	2	1
Javier Varguez (MEX)	3	-	3
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	4	-	4
Hector Patri (ARG)	5	-	-
Hiyong Choi (KOR)	6	7	-
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	7	1	-
John Arief (INDO)	8	11	-
Jeum Hwan Choi (KOR)	9	-	-
Samjoong Lee (KOR)	10	3	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	11	4	10
Joo Sup Shin (KOR)	-	5	-
Danny Nunez (DR)	28	6	-
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	25	8	-
Nico Thomas (INDO)	30	9	6
Eric Chavez (PHIL)	-	-	C
Luis Monzote (USA)	-	-	2
Francisco Montiel (MEX)	-	-	5
Samuth Sithnarvepol (THAI)	-	-	7
Masaharu Kawakami (JAP)	-	-	8
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	-	-	9

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TWO KOs IN ONE ROUND AS SHARKEY WHIPPED McCOY

By Daniel M. Daniel

IN OUR JOURNEYS through the fistic halls of fame, we have encountered all sorts of oddities and phenomena. Amazingly quick decisions, like Jack Dempsey's against Fred Fulton, or the one-round knockout of Max Schmeling by Joe Louis. Remarkably long fights, like the 61-round draw between Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson. And in-what-round-did-the-fight-really-end? disputes, like that which followed Jess Willard's failure to come up for the fourth session against Dempsey.

Now we come to the strange occurrence, the museum piece of Kid McCoy's checkered career—the double-knockout that he suffered at the hands of Tom Sharkey in the 10th of a scheduled 20-round fight at the Lenox A.C. in New York on January 10, 1899.

Out in California, at the age of 72, Sharkey will tell you all about his having "won the title" from his pal Jim Jeffries at Coney Island on November 3, 1899. George Siler gave the nod to Jeff after 25 grueling rounds—and then the crowd tore the place to pieces.

In any event, Sharkey was one of those fistic marvels who just stopped short of the title, one of that crew in which we list Sam Langford and Joe Jeannette.

McCoy was a marvel of fistic science. He was tricky—as tricky and ruthless as they come. In fact, we don't have that type of fighter anymore. The Kid would stop at nothing. Everything was fair in love and war, and he was adept in both activities.

McCoy was light for the big men. But giving away a lot of poundage never bothered Norman Selby, which was his real name.

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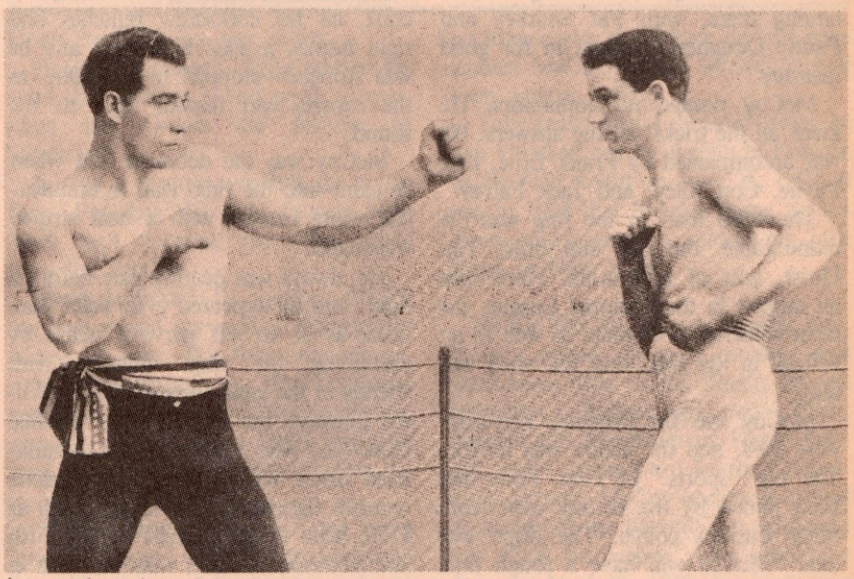
On March 2, 1896, McCoy knocked out Tommy Ryan for the welterweight title. Soon the Kid found himself too heavy for the welters and moved into the middleweight division. In this class, Ryan, McCoy, and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien laid claim to the championship, with Ryan gaining widespread recognition.



In a precious photo, Sailor Tom Sharkey (left) and the stylish Kid McCoy square off before their controversial heavyweight battle of January 10, 1899.

McCoy had already stopped Ryan as a welter, and the middleweight section offered little financial inducement. So the Kid shifted into the ranks of the heavies. It mattered not that McCoy scaled less than 160 pounds. He would take them on, one by one, weight handicaps no objection. He would accept any opponent. And so it came about that in 1899, McCoy and the much heavier Sharkey were matched in New York.

Sailor Tom was under a blight at that time. There had been harsh things written after his last encounter—with Jim Corbett at the Garden in New York, on November 22, 1898, in which Sharkey got the decision over Corbett in the ninth round on a foul, and the experts severely condemned the affair. Despite this unsatisfactory result, the Lenox A.C. was packed when Sharkey and McCoy met that freezing cold night in 1899.

New York had been hit by a cold wave, and despite the fact that the arena had been heated for 48 hours, it was chilly when Tom and the Kid came together.

There was a tremendous disparity in the weights. McCoy tipped the beam at 158 and Sailor Tom at 178. The Kid had the edge in height and reach, but Sharkey was brawny, powerful—and how he could take it!

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Sharkey was aiming at the match he soon was to get with heavyweight champion Jeffries, and was determined not to make a misstep. He had a notable array of advisers—Tommy Ryan,

Sailor Tom Sharkey with Jack Dempsey in Reno, Nevada, in 1931. After knocking out Kid McCoy, Sharkey almost dethroned legendary heavyweight champion James J. Jeffries.

Bob Armstrong, and George Dixon among them, with Pat Sharkey and Paddy Dougherty thrown in for good measure.

McCoy needed no counselors. He knew all the tricks, all the answers. He was accompanied by Frank Erne, Doc Payne, Con Riley, and Jack Falvey.

The third man in the ring was the redoubtable, the one and only, Tim Hurst, czar of arbitrators. Hurst was an umpire in the National League, the most colorful of all-time, as well as an official in the ring, and his word was law.

McCoy was the favorite. The odds were 10-9, and the action was terrific. The big "sports" of New York had been joined by the betting men from other Eastern points. The dope was this: "McCoy will have a tough time with Sharkey for 10 rounds. If he still is on his feet in the 11th, the Kid will cut the Sailor to ribbons."

Strangely enough, the experts did not figure that Sharkey's 20-pound advantage would beat McCoy if the fight went into the second 10 rounds. They rated the Kid as being too scientific, too resourceful.

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McCoy, as you know, was a fistic innovator. Just as Bob Fitzsimmons developed what is known as the solar plexus punch, with which he knocked out Corbett for the heavyweight title, so did McCoy originate the corkscrew punch.

No erudite student of physics was this McCoy. But he had studied it out in training—that a punch delivered with a corkscrew action carried more power, and deadlier effects, than a straight blow.

However, against powerful Sharkey, all the McCoy wiles, all the McCoy craft, all his corkscrew punches and right hooks, availed him little, and he was stopped—stopped in the 10th, as the experts had feared, right to the round.

McCoy was the debonair Kid when he came into the ring, clad in immaculate white trunks, with a neat striped waistband.

He always was deathly pale before a fight, and he appeared even paler than usual as he let off nervous steam by examining the ring, chatting with friends in the near seats—hello to Wilton Lackaye, the actor; howdy to Mike Donovan, who had come in a mink-lined ulster which the *Police Gazette* reporter figured was worth as much as $150; hello to the "swells" from Fifth and Madison Avenue, who were out in force.

No cafe society in those days. Your position was fixed by the attention you got from the bartender in the Waldorf.

As McCoy sat down, ready for the opening gong, he received a final examination from the suspicious Hurst.

"Lemme see them hands of yours, Kid," Tim demanded. The referee felt the bandages and said, "Take at least two feet of them things off. What do ye think this is gonna be, a pillow fight?"

Off came the two feet of bandage, and then Charley Harvey, in the stentorian tones of his younger days, announced, "Twenty rounds, Marquis of Queensberry rules. Break clean, no hitting in the clinches."

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The fight was on, the place was packed. The experts looked for the nimbler McCoy to charge right in and make the most of his greater mobility right from the opening gong. However, he did no such thing. He broke ground and kept dancing around. Then he sent a right hook to the jaw. The Sailor didn't like it. McCoy maneuvered and let go with another adventure over Tom's guard, and Sharkey looked discomforted.

There was no great damage the rest of that round, or in the second.

Then the fight really started. McCoy's reach was tremendous, and he was able to pepper his man with light blows. Then he uncorked what appeared to be just a fair punch, and back went Sharkey, to sit in the rosin. McCoy had caught the Sailor off-balance, and he bobbed up at once, disdaining a count.

No sooner had Sharkey risen than McCoy dazed him with a corking right to the jaw. Down went Tom again.

As Sharkey arose, the Kid let him have three more, but those punches lacked power. Then came the bell. The dopesters said that if the Kid had another minute, he would have polished off the Sailor then and there. Sailor Tom was lucky to finish the round.

Sharkey felt his way around in the fourth, but in the fifth he finally solved his problem. Trying to box with the Kid was bad business. Rushing him and planting hard drives into the midriff was better stuff, and that's what Sharkey began to do.

The fifth, sixth, and seventh found Sharkey warming to his task. But the Kid hardly was a spectator. He kept punching at Tom's right eye, which developed a mouse, and he belted him on the schnozzola, greatly to the Sailor's chagrin. Sharkey's nose already was a trifle flat, and he didn't want it any flatter.

As the eighth session got underway, the Kid led with a left for the nose. The McCoy right also got in some interesting maneuvers. But Sharkey and the spectators made an interesting discovery: McCoy was no longer hurting his rival.

The Kid's punches had some sting, but not enough power. And the Kid's legs no longer were getting him around with the agility he had shown in the first five heats. The fact was, McCoy was getting pooped. The 20-pound discrepancy was getting in its dirty work.

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McCoy was on the alert for any out, and as Tom hit him in the pit of the stomach, the Kid made a wry face, registered pain, and appealed to Hurst with a yammer of "foul!" Wise old Tim told McCoy to forget the yowl

and keep fighting. McCoy was sitting on the floor, and the house, which was predominantly in his favor, supported his cry. But it was no go with Tim.

Hurst was counting. The Kid was prone. It was the forerunner of the long count in the second Dempsey-Tunney fight. Actually, McCoy was out. But Tim gave him one of those slow 14-second counts. McCoy arose, looking much the worse for wear, and stood off the over-eager Sailor for the few remaining seconds before the bell.

The ninth was all Sharkey. It now became evident that McCoy no longer had a chance. The Kid no longer concentrated on keeping away from Tom's wallops for the jaw. McCoy knew that if he stopped one of those blows, it would be curtains for him. He moved around, no longer making the slightest pretence of being an aggressor. The handwriting was on the wall of that frostbitten New York arena.

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Now came the 10th round and the exciting finish. McCoy was slow responding to the gong. He laized to the center of the ring and astonished Tom with a left to his damaged eye. Sharkey became furious and crashed a right to the pit of the stomach. That was the real beginning of the end.

They clinched, and, forgetting the rules, whaled away at each other in close quarters.

Starting with the ninth, Sharkey had abandoned all defensive tactics. Now he was hot on the scent of triumph. He punched, and he punched again, and then drove a terrific left to the side of the body.

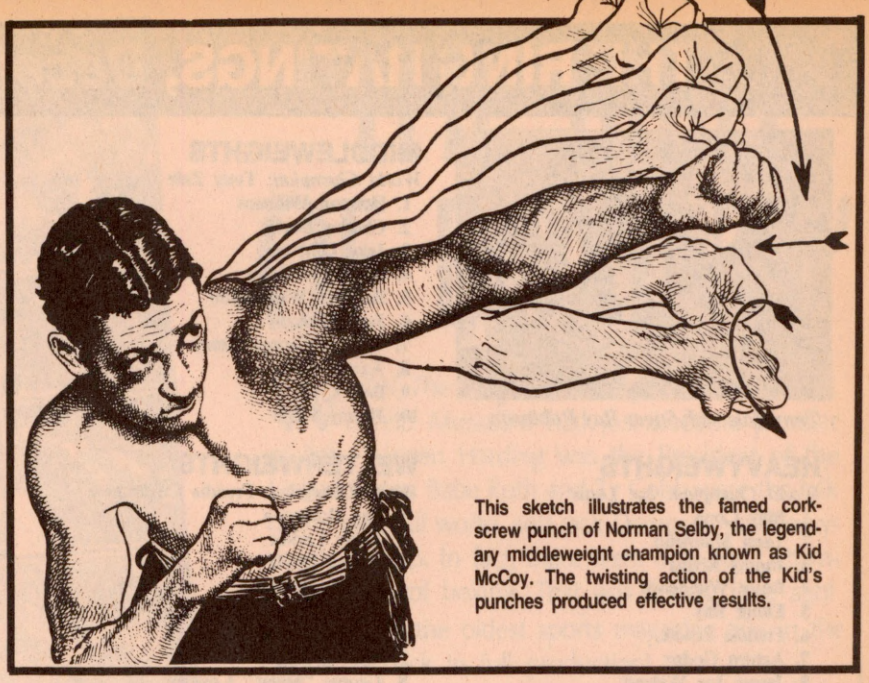
Had McCoy taken that one in the stomach, it might have ruined him. As it was, the glancing blow spun him around like a top. Then he fell.

Hurst tolled off 10, and McCoy got up. Sharkey was right on him. They got in close, and as Tim pried them apart, Tom shot a left over the referee's shoulder. Down went the Kid again.

Hurst knew it was over. He touched Sharkey on the shoulder and motioned him to his corner. McCoy staggered to his feet and Tim escorted him to his corner.

Most of the onlookers thought that Sharkey had been disqualified for a foul—hitting over the referee's shoulder. But Hurst had stopped the fight and awarded it to Tom.

Sharkey misunderstood what had happened. As McCoy was reeling around, Thomas crashed a right to the neck, and McCoy was knocked down for the second time in that round.



This sketch illustrates the famed corkscrew punch of Norman Selby, the legendary middleweight champion known as Kid McCoy. The twisting action of the Kid's punches produced effective results.

Down he went, to stay down.

Harvey announced, "The referee decides that McCoy is too weak to continue and awards the decision to Sharkey."

It was a strange windup to a hot fight. For days the fight fans in New York kept debating the rules. They were for McCoy.

Hurst explained: "I counted McCoy out and waved my arm to signify that it was all over. But for some reason, nobody understood me. Sharkey could not get it into his head that he already was the winner, and to make sure, ran over and knocked out McCoy for the second time.

"I have been refereeing fights for a long time, but I never before saw anything like that—two straight knockouts in one fight, in one round, inside the one minute.

"McCoy's claim of foul was founded on nothing but his fear that he was about to be knocked out. There was one low blow in the 10 rounds, and McCoy was the man who struck it, in an early frame."

When the experts got down to recapitulating the results of the fight, they discovered that never before had Sharkey been knocked off his pins.

From that fight, Sailor Tom fought once more before the aforementioned match with Jeffries at Coney Island. After the 25-round go with Jeff, Sharkey scored six straight knockouts, only to run into his 15-round setback by Gus Ruhlin.

Then, on August 24, 1900, Sharkey was stopped in two heats by Bob Fitzsimmons by Coney's shore, and it was evident that Thomas Joseph Sharkey no longer was the fighter he had been against McCoy, or the bruiser he had been against Jeffries.

Tom really struck bottom when he was knocked out by Ruhlin in London in the 11th round on June 25, 1902. It was in 1904 that Sharkey hung up his gloves and opened a saloon on 14th Street in New York.

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As for McCoy, his was a tragic fate. He got mixed up in a murder, and spent some time in jail. Finally he was released, a broken old man. Then, through the friendship of Harry Bennett, chief of the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, McCoy became a special in charge of the payroll. He continued this work for several years, until one day, on April 18, 1940, his body was found in a hotel room in Detroit, where he had committed suicide. In his pocket was a note, which read:

"To whom it may concern:

"For the past eight years I have wanted to help humanity, especially the youngsters who do not know nature's laws. That is, the proper carriage of the body or the right way to eat, etc. Everything in my possession, I want to go to my dear wife, Sue E. Selby.

"To all my dear friends, I wish you the best of luck. Sorry I could not endure this world's madness. The best to all.

Signed, Norman Shelby."

In his pocket was $17.50. The Kid, whose flashing fists had earned him $240,000 in the days of his greatness as a middleweight, the man who toured the world and introduced boxing to many parts of the globe, had passed out of the picture. □

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Tony Zale with Sugar Ray Robinson

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THE RING, December 1945

The Cover: New York middleweight Rocky Graziano, who is being dubbed as "a second Stanley Ketchel," is featured in a story celebrating famous kayo punchers. Writer Al Buck proves prophetic when he writes, "Graziano hasn't won a title yet, although he is the leading contender for the middleweight crown worn by Tony Zale, the rugged, body-belting sailor. What a fight that's going to be when the Rock gets in there with the champion."

Fighter Of The Month: Light heavyweight Lloyd Marshall, a first-round kayo winner over world-rated Fitzie Fitzpatrick, receives the honors. Marshall and number one-rated Archie Moore are seeking a crack at champion Gus Lesnevich, but Lesnevich wants a shot at heavyweight king Joe Louis.

Hitting The Spotlight: Fred Eisenstadt spotlights fighters on the rise, including Joe Walcott, a heavyweight the contenders are avoiding, Charley Fusari (pictured), a 20-year-old welterweight prospect, and Al LaBarba, a heavy-hitting welterweight stablemate of middleweight Rocky Graziano.

Postwar Outlook: Irving Rudd spotlights the fighters who are likely to dominate boxing after the War. Among the returning soldiers are Gus Lesnevich (pictured), Joe Louis, and Willie Pep.

The Long-Awaited Rematch: After Joe Louis and Billy Conn had been discharged from the Army, Daniel M. Daniel writes of their pending rematch. As it turned out, Louis kayoed Conn in June 1946. They're pictured at the rematch weigh-in.

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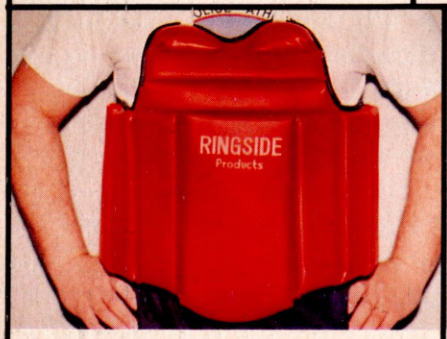

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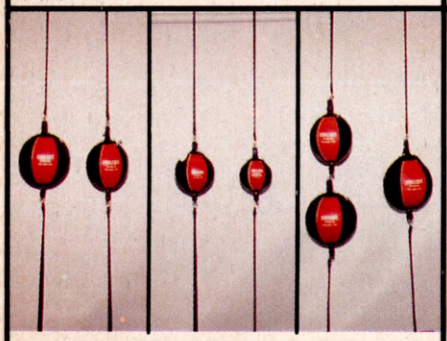

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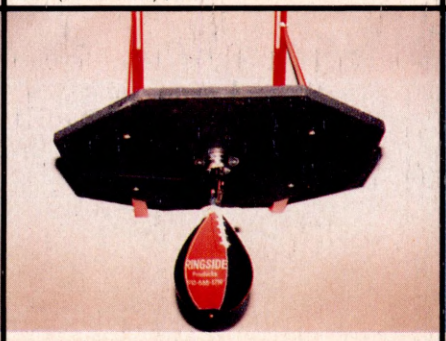

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